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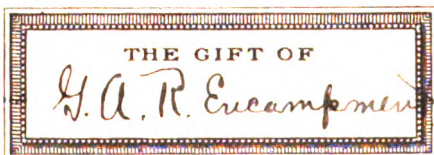
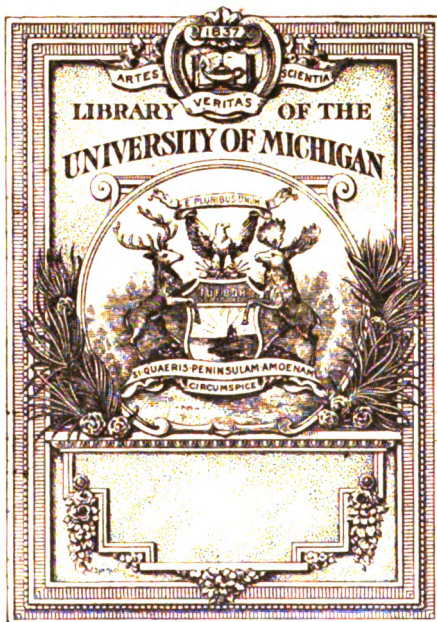
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**ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.**

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 S. M. Kent, Post 5, - - - - Grand Rapids.  
 D. H. Grow, Post 388, - - - - Allendale.  
 Reuben Quick, Post 87, - - - - Lowell.  
 John Devlin, Post 433, - - - - Detroit.

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O. Tomlinson, Post 269, - - - - Plainwell.  
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 John Devlin, Post 433, - - - - Detroit.

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Ellery C. Cannon, (at large) - - Post 16, Evart.  
 William F. Atkinson, - - Post 17, Detroit.  
 R. B. Davis, - - Post 10, Dundee.  
 Geo. F. Larned, - - Post 79, Kalamazoo.  
 Geo. A. B. Cook, - - Post 72, Three Rivers.  
 Chas. S. Wilson, - - Post 395, Grand Rapids.  
 E. T. Winter, - - Post 24, Fenton.  
 E. Sanderson, - - Post 202, Romeo.  
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 Chas. Miller, - - Post 7, Muskegon.  
 John G. Berry, - - Post 263, Vanderbilt.  
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 Marvin Preston, - - Post 384, Detroit.  
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 W. D. Brainard, - - Post 111, Eaton Rapids.  
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Geo. H. Hopkins, - - Post 384, Detroit.  
 H. B. White, - - Post 17, Detroit.  
 O. F. Kaywood, - - Post 48, Jackson.  
 T. J. Snow, - - Post 40, Charlotte.  
 John Seel, - - Post 14, Benton Harbor.  
 Chas. S. Smith, - - Post 5, Grand Rapids.

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L. C. Kanouse,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 117, Byron.
O. S. Perry,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 202, Romeo.
Jas. T. Hale,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 307, Saginaw.
W. H. Hall,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 316, Grant.
John W. Snell,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 69, Midland.
Loren Madison,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 66, East Jordan.
C. E. Moore,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 300, Marquette.
A. L. Bryant,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 255, Mayville.
E. B. Fenton,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 384, Detroit.
T. N. Stevens,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 176, Stanton.
Geo. W. Norton,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
Rodney James,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 404, Plymouth.
Philimon Bush,	-	-	-	-	-	Post 59, Gobleville.



## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, AUGUST 31, 1903. }

To the HON. AARON T. BLISS, Governor of the State of  
Michigan:

Comrade—I have the honor, in compliance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved February 11, 1897, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as have taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 13, 1902, to June 11, 1903, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,  
EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.



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**FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.**

**MORNING SESSION**

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }  
MUSKEGON, JUNE 10, 1903. }**

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at 10 o'clock a. m. in its Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment in the Grand Opera House with Department Commander Edward C. Anthony in the chair, in open session.

The Department Commander—Comrades, the hour has arrived for the opening of this, the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan. You will please come to order. The Encampment will now be opened informally for the purpose of receiving the Mayor and citizens who wish to be presented to this Encampment. I will appoint Comrades Louis Kanitz and E. B. Fenton a committee to escort the gentlemen to the stage.

The committee retired and returned with the gentlemen of the citizen's committee to the stage, who were received in due form by the Encampment.

Comrade Kanitz—Department Commander, I have the honor to present to you Mayor Eyke, of Muskegon.

The Department Commander—Comrades, let me introduce to you Mayor Leonard Eyke, of Muskegon.

Mayor Eyke:

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—As Mayor of the City of Muskegon it gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you to our city.

When I look upon you I look upon men who have long passed the middle age of life, but I cannot forget that you were actors in the greatest drama ever played in the western continent—the Civil War. The war itself was greater than all its actors, its campaigns and its generals. But it is not for me, a man of peace, to recall scenes of the war to you, who each played your part therein. This I will not attempt to do. What I do desire to say, is that the successful issue of the war for the Union, was because from the farms, and stores, and workshops of the North, the common people came pouring out to take their places as common soldiers in the ranks, to support the one flag of a common and united country. And when the war was over, rejoicing that their work was done, but sorrowful because of its dreadful nature, they once more laid aside the trappings of the soldier and returned again to their places as common citizens, to the farms, the workshops and stores from whence they came.

This peaceful dispersion of the army was the greatest glory of the whole war. But you could not forget your old Comrades, you learned to value them as men. You didn't care if they were colonels or corporals, generals or privates, of English, French, Irish, or Dutch descent. If they were loyal to the flag, and had been soldiers in the Union army, and had been honorably discharged, they were good enough for you; and to perpetuate that feeling your association was formed—an association that in its principles and management of its affairs is probably the most democratic in America.

We welcome you here as men. We are proud to have you here because of your history, and of the principles that underlie your association. You will find us all here like yourselves, no class, nor the regards of any class,

but willing to pay tribute where tribute is due. Our city is open to you. We hope you will find it interesting and entertaining, that you may have a pleasant time together while with us; and that you may carry home with you pleasant memories of your visit here.

Once more feeling proud, happy, and honored, because of your visit the people of the City of Muskegon, through me, give you the most hearty welcome.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following telegrams:

New York, June 9, 1903.

Hon. E. C. Anthony,

Department Commander, Muskegon, Mich.:

Please state to the Encampment I deeply regret official duties here prevent my attending. My heart and hopes are with the Comrades.

Fraternally yours,

BURTON PARKER.

Chicago, June 10, 1903.

Department Commander Anthony:

Regards of a Comrade of the Engineers and Mechanics to any members of that regiment at session of Encampment.

FRANK M. CRITTENDEN,

Of Company K.

The visitors having retired, the Encampment was opened in due form.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain, Wm. Putnam.

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this day and for this gathering; that these Comrades have been so graciously spared through another year; that our Commander and the executive officers of this Department, with one exception, have been graciously preserved, and are permitted to meet us here today. We ask Thy gracious blessing upon us in this gathering, not only upon the representatives of the great Army of the Republic gathered from this State, but upon the broad organization throughout the entire country. We pray that Thou will bless the great work in which we are engaged for the good of our Comrades and the good of our country. We stand before Thee this day, Almighty Father, as the representatives of that great Army from all parts of our united land who went forth to rescue it from peril and



save it from division and possible destruction. We thank Thee that so many of these representatives are still spared to enjoy the rich blessings for which they offered their services and their lives, and so many of whom bear the painful marks of that great conflict with them here today. We ask Thy blessing upon all the families of these Comrades and upon their descendants, that they may be (their sons especially) as loyal as their fathers. Oh, God, we pray that Thou wilt continue to preserve this organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, that it may still be, not only the advance but the color guard and the rear guard of our nation's patriotism. And now preside over us, Almighty Father, while we are gathered at this time. Give us grace to honor Thee, and give us grace in Thy sight to honor ourselves as well as to be honored by our fellow citizens. Many of us are descending the grade of life. Very soon we reach our setting sun. God grant that by His divine grace the closing hours of our day may be bright; that the radiance of the great Son of Righteousness shall shed its rays upon our departing moments, and when our work shall be all done, and these gathering with us one after another shall have forever ceased in the present life, we ask that through divine grace we may be permitted to enter into and enjoy forever the greater and more glorious gathering of Thy children in Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

The Department Commander—I will now declare this Encampment opened in due form.

The rules governing the National Encampment will prevail as the rules of this Encampment, unless there be objection.

The roll was called, and a quorum found to be present.

The Department Commander—The next in order is the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The Assistant Adjutant General—We beg to report that the Committee on Credentials is not ready to report at this moment. They are still at their work, and will be ready to report at a later hour. I would move you that the report when ready be accepted as the roll of this Encampment.

Supported and carried.

Muskegon, June 10, 1903.

To the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that we have examined the credentials as forwarded by the several Posts of the Department and find the following members present.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF, A. A. G., Chairman,  
H. A. CHAPIN, Post 31,  
JOHN W. BRAKEMAN, Post 7,  
HENRY SPAULDING, Post 20,  
Committee.

The following is the

#### ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

##### PRESENT.

Department Commander—Edward C. Anthony	-	Negaunee
Sen. Vice Dept. Commander—L. D. Van Kleeck,	-	Pontiac
Jun. Vice Dept. Commander—M. D. Richardson,	-	Lake City
Medical Director—W. W. Root,	-	Mason
Department Chaplain—William Putnam,	-	Lansing

##### OFFICIAL STAFF OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Assistant Adjutant General—Fayette Wyckoff,	-	Lansing
Assistant Quartermaster General—Chas. D. Blanchard,	-	Marquette
Department Inspector—Geo. W. Stone,	-	Lansing
Chief of Staff—E. S. Jameson,	-	Marine City

##### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

E. B. Fenton	-	Detroit	O. Tomlinson,	-	Plainwell
C. E. Foote,	-	Kalamazoo	Thomas Davey,	-	Plymouth

##### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger,	-	Detroit	Louis Kanitz,	-	Muskegon
C. V. R. Pond,	-	Lansing	Aaron T. Bliss,	-	Saginaw
Byron R. Pierce,	-	Grand Rapids	Russell R. Pealer,	-	Three Rivers
John Northwood,	-	New Lothrop	Ethel M. Allen,	-	Portland
Washington Gardner,	-	Albion	James Van Kleeck,	-	Bay City
Michael Brown,	-	Big Rapids			

- Post No. 1, Soldiers' Home. Post Commander, O. W. Hodges, Past Post Commanders, Rody Omara, W. W. Fowler, James Wood.
- " 2, Quincy. Representatives, Chas. W. Lake, Past Post Commander, C. V. R. Pond.
- " 3, Whitehall. Representative, Edwin C. Estabrook; Post Commander, John C. Dean; Past Post Commanders, G. A. Whitbeck, Frederick Norman, James Dillabaugh.
- " 5, Grand Rapids. Representatives, J. W. McCrath, C. S. Smith, Thomas Dixon, A. B. Bartlett; Alternates, H. C. Nichols, Post Commander, Samuel R. Wooster; Past Post Commanders, Geo. E. Judd, Wm. A. Clark, C. P. Coffin, J. R. Stephenson, J. O. Bellaire, S. M. Kent, A. B. Coffinberry, W. B. Bostock, C. W. Dipple, T. H. Peacock, E. B. Taylor, S. W. Barter, W. D. Frost.
- " 6, Hillsdale. Representatives, James O'Neil; Past Post Commanders, T. S. Huff, Wm. Taylor.
- " 7, Muskegon. Representatives, John W. Brakeman, Alex. Eckerman, Albert Towl; Post Commander, John W. Eddy; Past Post Commanders, H. H. Himmelburger, Chas. T. Brundage, Edwin P. Watson, S. A. Aldrich, Wm. R. Jones, Louis Kanitz, James Cavanaugh, Chas. Miller, John G. Alport, John Sturgeon, Wm. L. Wiselogel, Wm. L. Reynolds, John R. Bennett, L. O. Lyon, Howard C. Bond.
- " 8, Ishpeming. Representative, Geo. J. Johnson.
- " 9, Hesperia. Representative, Marion Resseguee; Post Commander, Chas. Wilbur; Past Post Commanders, H. E. Waterman, C. Reynolds, Wm. Gilbert, Chas Robbins, A. S. Mulliken.
- " 10, Dundee. Past Post Commanders, R. B. Davis, D. C. Spears.
- " 14, Benton Harbor. Representatives, John M. Jenkins; Post Commander, S. B. Kimball; Past Post Commanders, W. F. Kimball, John Seel, Henry S. Kelley.
- " 15, Ludington. Representative A. C. Hawley; Past Post Commander, R. P. Bishop.
- " 16, Elvart. Representative, Orro Morton; Past Post Commander, E. C. Cannon.
- " 17, Detroit. Representatives, H. A. Backus, E. Muffat, D. G. Crotty, C. J. Pierce, O. D. Kingsley, G. L. Holmes; Post Commander, Wm. F. Atkinson; Past Post Commanders H. B. White, C. K. Radcliffe, William Davey.
- " 18, Traverse City. Representatives, J. W. Hilliker, L. K. Cleveland.
- " 19, Bangor. Representative, E. Stevens; Past Post Commanders, C. C. Phillips, Alvin Chapman, Ed. Ruthruff.
- " 20, Hartford. Past Post Commanders, Wm. Bennitt, Henry Spaulding.

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- Post No. 22, Buchanan. Past Post Commander, M. B. Gardner.
- " 23, Bloomingdale. Past Post Commander, Frank Cooley.
- " 24, Fenton. Representatives, Edgar Durfee; Past Post Commander, E. T. Winters.
- " 26, Hart. Representative, Jesse Mills; Post Commander, H. A. Waldron; Past Post Commanders, Wm. E. Thorp, Geo. F. Dennison.
- " 27, Decatur. Representative, Alfred Turner; Post Commander, R. Colbetzor.
- " 28, Hemlock. Alternate, Jedd Bennett.
- " 29, Grand Rapids. Alternate, Edward Pyard; Post Commander, E. F. Covell; Past Post Commanders, Eber Rice, J. C. Christensen.
- " 31, Paw Paw. Past Post Commander, H. A. Chapin.
- " 32, Battle Creek. Representatives, Wm. Vickery, Geo. H. Rowell; Post Commander, R. J. Kelly; Past Post Commanders, Wm. Dawset, I. W. Taylor, J. J. Cornwell.
- " 34, Otsego. A. A. Blakeman; Past Post Commander, J. D. Kelley.
- " 35, South Haven. Past Post Commander, H. Hodges, L. K. Jillson, H. J. Dodge.
- " 37, Stanton. Representative, Joseph Tishue.
- " 38, Saginaw. Representative, Christian Wasserman; Post Commander, Henry Flege; Past Post Commanders, Wm. W. Morgan, W. H. Presser, John Schmitt, Fay Wyckoff.
- " 39, Berrien Springs. Representative, Harrison Newton; Past Post Commanders, Mandel Wells, John Hollenbeck, S. E. Hadlock.
- " 40, Charlotte. Past Post Commander, T. J. Snow.
- " 42, Lansing. Representative, Jas. M. Slocum; Alternate, M. Buck; Post Commander, Edwin R. Havens; Past Post Commanders, Allen S. Shattuck, Seymour Foster, Wm. W. Cook, F. Schneider, Theo. E. Potter.
- " 46, Ganges. Representative, S. W. Eddy; Past Post Commanders, A. W. Walker, Wm. H. Denn, J. L. Jerne, H. C. Dow.
- " 48, Jackson. Post Commander, O. F. Kaywood; Past Post Commander, Albert Dunham.
- " 53, Mason. Past Post Commander, W. J. Adams.
- " 54, Manton. Representative, O. M. Sherbourne.
- " 56, Allegan. Post Commander, B. D. Pritchard; Past Post Commanders, G. B. Myers, E. D. Nash, S. F. Murphy, Wm. White, Emerson Allen, G. W. Cady, L. Y. Cady, W. H. Perry, A. C. Estabrook, J. W. Ely, W. W. Warner, L. W. Bellinger.
- " 57, Marcellus. Past Post Commander, B. F. Geoner.
- " 59, Gobleville. Representative, A. L. Harrington; Past Post Commander, M. J. Blakeman.
- " 60, Leslie. Representative, A. A. Leach.
- " 62, Cedar Springs. Representative, Levi Bearss; Past Post Commanders, Daniel G. Dove, James D. Jackson, Miles Mulford.

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- " 68, Shelby. Representative, Wm. A. Olinda; Post Commander, F. A. Pitts; Past Post Commanders, N. Adams, P. A. Penfield.
- " 69, Midland. Alternate, Alfred See; Past Post Commander, J. W. Snell.
- " 72, Three Rivers. Representative, A. W. Snyder; Post Commander, Bishop E. Andrews; Past Post Commander, Russell R. Pealer.
- " 73, Sturgis. Past Post Commanders, E. Zigler, Isaac Provost.
- " 74, Wayland. Alternate, Isaac N. Hoyt; Post Commander, A. W. Nash; Past Post Commander, Frank E. Pickett.
- " 75, Grand Haven. Representative, Wm. F. Keagen; Post Commander, Geo. A. Fair; Past Post Commanders, Robert Finch, Miner J. Emlaw, Chas. M. Dickinson.
- " 79, Kalamazoo. Representatives, Eli Strong, W. C. Shook, Edward Woodhams; Post Commander, Geo. F. Larned; Past Post Commanders, C. E. Foote, G. M. Buck, E. S. Bissell.
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- " 114, Fowlerville. Representative, Marvin Benjamin; Post Commander, W. M. Horton.
- " 117, Byron. Representative, Joseph Schweikart; Past Post Commanders, L. C. Kanouse, Amos Graves, Griffith LaDue.
- " 120, Howell. Alternate, J. W. Elsworth; Past Post Commanders, John McGivney, H. H. Collins.
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- " 126, Belding. Representative, M. A. Filkins; Past Post Commander, F. R. Chase.
- " 127, Maple Rapids. Alternate, Lester H. Pease.
- " 128, Hawkins. Past Post Commander, Wm. Northrup.
- " 130, Edmore. Representative, B. L. Ward; Past Post Commander, J. Perrine.
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- " 144, Lapeer. Representative, Edwin Weston; Past Post Commander, Robert King.
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- " 149, Holton. Representative, John Wiegand; Post Commander, John B. Ruggles; Past Post Commanders, J. A. Zerlant, S. L. Skeels, S. F. Crawford, J. T. Henry, Oliver Lewis, H. W. Crawford.
- " 152, Alma. Representative, Geo. Willard; Post Commander Henry Wise.
- " 157, Cassopolis. Representative, H. C. Walker; Post Commander, Norris Richardson.
- " 158, Elm Hall. Post Commander, Albert M. Norton; Past Post Commander, C. E. Prine.
- " 159, Middleville. Alternate, Wilber Cutler.
- " 160, Corunna. Post Commander, Andrew Porter; Past Post Commander, Geo. D. Moreau.
- " 162, Detroit. Past Post Commander, Carl Engel.
- " 163, Vermontville. Representative, L. V. Andrews; Post Commander, Chas. Fuller; Past Post Commander, D. M. Purchis.
- " 166, Marshall. Past Post Commander, D. Walkenshaw.

- Post No. 173, Carson City. Representative, E. M. Howel; Past Post Commanders, Alex. McCraig, Geo. D. Vandusen, James F. Filmore, C. H. Morse.
- " 176, Stanton. Post Commander, Thomas N. Stevens; Past Post Commander, Asa Morse.
- " 178, Sheridan. Representative, C. D. Harris.
- " 179, Brighton. Post Commander, Thomas Stoken.
- " 180, Ypsilanti. Post Commander, J. H. Woodman.
- " 181, Milford. Representative, S. D. Lee.
- " 182, Fremont. Representatives, Geo. H. Martin, M. D. Cole; Post Commander, S. G. Allen; Past Post Commander, A. M. Phelps.
- " 188, Hadley. Representative, Robt. Trollope.
- " 190, Birch Run. Past Post Commander, John Cook.
- " 193, Mendon. Representative, R. D. Young.
- " 198, Reed City. Past Post Commanders, D. J. Randall, C. A. Randall.
- " 200, Carleton. Past Post Commander, Jacob Fahnestalk.
- " 202, Romeo. Representative, H. S. White; Past Post Commanders, E. R. Sanderson, O. S. Perry.
- " 203, Stockbridge. Past Post Commander, A. G. Miller.
- " 206, Bellaire. Representative, John Bush.
- " 213, Bellevue. Representative, Wm. Hawley.
- " 214, Millington. Representative, B. F. Crampton.
- " 216, Mt. Clemens. Representative, Rosell Widrig.
- " 218, Luther. Representative, Chas. B. Streeter; Post Commander, N. R. Menold.
- " 233, Wales. Representative, Alva L. Peck.
- " 234, Hubbardston. Representative, Wm. Brown; Past Post Commander, C. K. Bennett.
- " 237, Rockford. Past Post Commanders, E. C. Watkins, C. F. Sears.
- " 238, Coopersville. Representative, John Jackson; Post Commander, Eli Karney; Past Post Commander, Hiram Ames.
- " 240, Grayling. Post Commander, Dell Smith; Past Post Commander, A. L. Pond.
- " 242, Athens. Past Post Commander, Rial A. Carpenter.
- " 252, Howard City. Alternate, James Stevenson.
- " 255, Mayville. Past Post Commander, A. I. Bryant.
- " 256, Partello. Representative, R. H. McWethy; Past Post Commander, A. J. Phillips.
- " 261, Wayne. Past Post Commanders, C. H. Newkirk, Joseph Smith, Timothy Fuller.
- " 262, Holland. Representative, P. H. McBride; Post Commander, D. B. K. Van Raalte; Past Post Commanders, John Kramer, Benj. Van Raalte, P. H. Wilms.
- " 263, Vanderbilt. Past Post Commander, John G. Berry.
- " 269, Plainwell. Past Post Commanders, O. Tomlinson, J. H. Madden.
- " 276, Ada. Past Post Commanders, W. R. Lawyer, J. H. Martin.
- " 278, West Bay City. Post Commander, W. D. Evans.

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- Post No. 279, Spring Lake. Representative, M. F. Reed; Past Post Commander, E. J. Pruim.
- " 280, North Muskegon. Representative, Byron Stevens; Post Commander, C. E. Storrs; Past Post Commanders, Joseph Avery, Arthur F. Severy.
- " 286, Fife Lake. Representative, Delos Hilton.
- " 287, Cheshire. Past Post Commanders, R. C. Harmon, Wm. G. Rowe.
- " 288, Lacota. Representative, E. R. Furgeson; Post Commander, Loren Dallrymple.
- " 294, Big Rapids. Alternate, A. Curtis; Past Post Commanders, G. M. Gotshall, E. W. Ford, Washington Miller.
- " 295, Galesburg. Representative, Russell Mason.
- " 300, Marquette. Past Post Commanders, E. C. Anthony, Chas. D. Blanchard.
- " 302, Byron Center. Past Post Commanders, D. S. Irwin, A. A. Palmer, A. M. Green, L. L. Hickox.
- " 303, Schoolcraft. Representative, John Gilchrist; Post Commander, M. S. Burson.
- " 307, Saginaw. Post Commander, J. T. Hale.
- " 316, Grant. Representative, Hiram L. Brace; Past Post Commanders, Wm. Downing, Wm. Hall, James George, A. H. Judd, Frank Jackson, Amos Woodard, James Tyler, Jacob Treiler, John Roswarren.
- " 318, Northville. Representative, Geo. Goodell, Past Post Commanders, S. J. Lawrence, E. K. Starkweather.
- " 323, Ashley. Representative, Wm. Sharp.
- " 329, Sumner. Representative, Chas. A. Button; Past Post Commander, John E. Booth.
- " 337, Ravenna. Representative, John Gilburt; Post Commander, E. Hodger; Past Post Commanders, F. D. Hoogstraat, A. Enos, J. E. Noble, C. Lauback, H. Walker.
- " 342, Twin Lake. Representative, A. H. Vanantwerp; Post Commander, Geo. DeThompson; Past Post Commanders, Chas. Buzzell, Geo. H. Buzzell.
- " 346, Hamilton. Post Commander, J. C. Holmes.
- " 347, Breckenridge. Past Post Commanders, Waldo Curtis, Barney Swope.
- " 348, Scottville. Representative, J. W. Griswold.
- " 350, Sand Lake. Representative, H. M. Johnson; Past Post Commander, Wellington Roscoe.
- " 354, Palo. Representative, John W. Howarth.
- " 358, Clayton. Representative, Albert E. Terwilliger.
- " 365, Lake City. Representative, Joseph Wolfinger; Past Post Commander, M. D. Richardson.
- " 366, White Cloud. Past Post Commanders, F. T. Baker, S. Agan.
- " 371, Fennville. Representative, R. H. Stevens.
- " 372, Benzonia. Representative, I. P. Covey.
- " 377, Rochester. W. H. LeRoy.
- " 382, Lake Odessa. Representative, Robert Blair; Past Post Commanders, S. H. Malory, Thomas Leak, Wallace Lovewell.



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Post No.	383, Martin.	Post Commander, W. D. Stayman.
"	384, Detroit.	Representatives, Thos. S. McGraw, Geo. C. Wetherbee, Wm. Winslow; Post Commander, Sidney B. Dixon; Past Post Commanders, Geo. H. Hopkins, Marvin Preston.
"	388, Allendale.	Representative, Chas S. Knapp; Post Commander, Asa L. Porter; Past Post Commanders, H. C. Bement, Chas. M. Pausler, D. H. Grow.
"	393, Detroit.	Post Commander, John Boylan; Past Post Commanders, Chas Kaufman, Henry Lorenzen.
"	395, Grand Rapids.	Representative, H. C. Palmer; Post Commander, Chas. M. Runyan; Past Post Commanders, Wm. T. Johnson, Chas. A. Beebe, C. S. Wilson, J. M. Wood, J. R. Wyckoff, Melvin Stillson.
"	404, Livonia.	Representative, Wm. D. Tules; Past Post Commander, Thomas Davey.
"	408, Grand Rapids.	Representative, Frank Gardafee; Post Commander, Geo. B. Schwab; Past Post Commanders, E. Page, G. H. Sherman.
"	412, Burnlps Corners.	Representative, Nicholas Matson.
"	433, Detroit.	Representative, John Devlin; Past Post Commander, Wm. N. Siggins.
"	434, McBrides.	Representative, Jerome Pintler.
"	438, New Lothrop.	Representative, John L. Delbridge; Post Commander, John Northwood.
"	441, Mason.	Representative, D. P. Whiting; Past Post Commanders, W. W. Root, L. H. Ives.
"	451, Reed City.	Past Post Commanders, "Ren" Barker, Aretus Corwin.
"	455, Montrose.	Post Commander, David Cross.
"	460, Saugatuck.	Representative, Richard Baker.

Department Officers .....	Present	14
Past Department Commanders.....	"	11
Post Commanders .....	"	68
Representatives .....	"	118
Alternates .....	"	15
Past Post Commanders.....	"	271

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Total ..... 497

Number of Posts represented..... 168

The Senior Vice Department Commander took the chair, and the Department Commander read his address, which was as follows:

## COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—One year ago you honored me by election to the highest office in the gift of this Department. I accepted that honor feeling all its responsibilities and realizing my own unfitness to meet the full requirements of this high position. I entered upon the duties of Department Commander of Michigan with no little fear of the final outcome. The year has been full of constant thought and earnest solicitude for the upbuilding of our cherished Order.

## MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership is a matter of the first consideration. Ten years ago, June 30, 1893, the reports show a membership of 19,020. There has been a gradual decrease every year until today we have a membership of 13,716—a total loss of 5,304 in ten years. Of this loss 3,589 was by death. Fully realizing that an earnest effort should be put forth to increase our members and bring back the delinquent members, the attention of the Posts was called to this matter in General Order No. 4, and Post Commanders were urged to appoint committees to look up the Comrades and in every way possible assist in recruiting the ranks of every Post.

Again in General Order No. 5, I supplemented the request of the Commander-in-Chief by urging systematic work in securing recruits. I also urged the establishing of out-posts in the villages and districts where a few could be brought together under the command of a Sergeant and meet from time to time in the homes of Comrades. I have yet to learn of one Post that has taken up this work, though the field is a promising one. If the larger and more centrally located Posts take up this work and push it, I believe our membership could be increased by 1,000 during the next year.

In the State of Illinois in 1901, there were, according to the report of their Commander, 697 deaths in our Order there, but owing to the new recruits who filled up the ranks there was a loss in total membership of only 31. Fill up the ranks should be the rallying cry of every

Michigan Post, until every veteran is found marching under the banner of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

I am aware that this is a subject that many would pass by without comment; however, I am constrained to speak of it, and, if possible, urge upon you the necessity of bringing back into full membership this large army of delinquents. The suspended list is the largest and most fruitful source of loss to our membership. The Assistant Adjutant General will give you more details in figures relative to this class which will excite your interest and awaken serious thought. I cannot but feel that this list should be reduced by one-half in the next six months, and I only wish that every Comrade could be reinstated at once.

In this rich commonwealth of Michigan there should be no delinquents among the Nation's defenders. In every Post where such appears let some Comrade go out quietly among his more prosperous friends, not letting his left hand know what his right had doeth, and ask them to help a needy brother. Then with the account squared on the books invite the Comrades back into full fellowship again. If this were done, we would come to this reunion in 1904 with a largely increased membership in the State of Michigan.

Your Commander is pleased to note and commends the spirit of harmony and good fellowship that pervades the Department. Only one case of discipline having been brought to the attention of the Commander, that of a Post Courtmarshal in Post 347; after reviewing the proceedings and finding of the Courtmarshal I was convinced that the findings and sentence was not sustained by the evidence, exercising the authority invested in me I returned the findings and ordered the sentence of Dishonorable Discharge reversed and the Comrade restored to good standing in his Post.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

The Department Encampment at Flint two years ago passed a resolution proposing an amendment to the Rules and Regulations so as to admit (as Associate Members) gentlemen not members of the Grand Army of the Re-

public. This was before the National Encampment at Buffalo, but for reasons well known was not acted upon at that time. It was brought before the Encampment at Washington but failed of adoption. I would recommend the re-adoption of a similar resolution at this meeting, and have the same presented to the next National Encampment with the urgent request that it be passed and embodied among the laws governing our Order.

#### DEPARTMENT FINANCES.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General will give the financial condition of the Department and the financial record of the past year.

From the gradual decrease of our membership there must as a natural sequence be a gradual decrease in our revenues. In order to give an idea of the gradual decrease from this source, I will read the amounts collected each year from 1897 to 1902, inclusive.

Receipts from per capita tax, 1897.....	\$3,185 50
Receipts from per capita tax, 1898.....	3,155 90
Receipts from per capita tax, 1899.....	3,029 90
Receipts from per capita tax, 1900.....	3,008 40
Receipts from per capita tax, 1901.....	2,912 80
Receipts from per capita tax, 1902.....	2,776 80

This shows a falling off of \$408.70 from this source alone, since 1897. The only other resource is the sale of supplies, and with the decrease in new Posts organized the demand for supplies has correspondingly decreased so that while in 1897 the Department sold \$533.50 worth of supplies. In 1902 we have sold \$350.02, a decrease of \$183.48 since 1897.

The National Encampment at Cleveland increased the per capita tax of the Department one cent per member. This has increased our expense about \$140 this year. Consequently our expenses are a little in excess of our receipts. I make this report without further recommendations.

#### ALGER FUND.

There was turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General at the beginning of my administration to the credit of the Alger Fund \$967.72. This now amounts to \$1,020.96. If allowed to remain in present hands until the

year expires. I would recommend that this fund be continued at interest as has been done in the past.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

This organization is one that should have our earnest support and good wishes. A strenuous effort is being made in many Departments to build up and increase their membership and it is meeting with success. Reports show that in Iowa this order has nearly trebled its membership during the past year. We may ask what has been the cause of this revival? It was in a large measure due to the efforts of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic; and what is being done in one Department can be done in all. I hope that Michigan will not allow herself to be outdone by other States in sympathy and effort to sustain the Sons of Veterans.

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

As an auxiliary to the G. A. R., they have shown their deep devotion to the principles of our Order, by their readiness to render any assistance in their power to help the needy Comrades and to infuse new life into the weak Posts. As a rule where there is a live and energetic auxiliary, there you will find a live Post. If many of the smaller Posts would organize a Relief Corps, I have no doubt it would be the means of prolonging their existence.

#### CHANGE IN RULES AND REGULATIONS.

At your Encampment one year ago in adopting the report of the Department of Inspection, it was recommended "that the inspection of Posts be abolished." This resolution was cited to the National Department for action. The resolution came up in the National Encampment at Washington and after consideration the report of the committee was adopted. Article 5, Chapter 5, of the Rules and Regulations is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. "The Commander-in-Chief or any Department Commander may require the inspection of any Department or Post in his respective jurisdiction whenever he may believe that the best interests of the Order require it. For this purpose he may detail a Comrade, who shall for the time being be called an Inspector. The duties of such officer shall be prescribed by the Command-

er-in-Chief, or the Department Commander making the appointment."

This amendment makes it optional with the Department Commanders to order inspections whenever he may deem it for the best interest of the Post or Department.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

The reports for this year are not yet available, but the Chaplain will give you in his very complete report the full details of the observance of Memorial Day in 1902 by the various Posts of this Department.

This day is the most fitly observed of all the Nation's holidays. As we who stand as examples of patriotic devotion and sacrifice see our steps growing feeble, each succeeding observance of this day has a deeper meaning. As our ranks grow thin we swell the ranks of the great brigade across the river, and the time will soon elapse when the last Comrade shall have entered "the low green tent whose curtain never outward swings." A generous and grateful people will perpetuate our memories.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION IN THE SCHOOLS.

A little more than three months ago, I received a request from Comrade Bakewell, Special Aid in charge of this work on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, for the appointment of a Special Aid to have charge of this work in this Department. I appointed Col. Theo. E. Potter of Post 42. He accepted and with his usual energy entered upon his duties.

The time was so short before the meeting of the Department Encampment that it was thought little could be done. Following the example of the Department of Minnesota, it was decided to enlist the pupils of our public schools in the study and observance of "Memorial Day." Circulars were sent to all the High Schools of the State offering prizes for the best five essays on Memorial Day. The result has been most encouraging, and a more detailed report will be received from Col. T. E. Potter, who is in special charge of this work. I think much good can be accomplished by continuing this work so well begun.

## LEGISLATION.

The Encampment at Pontiac by resolution requested the Legislature to pass an act and make appropriation for erecting a monument at Andersonville Prison, in honor of the seven hundred Michigan sons who gave up their lives in that infamous prison pen. This has been passed and an appropriation of \$5,500 has been made, and the Governor has appointed the commission to carry out the provisions of this act.

A resolution asking the Legislature to provide for the publication of the records of each officer and names of soldiers enlisted from the State was passed. The Committee on Legislation have, by earnest work, supplemented by the able assistance of Senator Cannon, secured the passage of an act that will give the Michigan soldiers a published record of inestimable value.

## SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' MONUMENT.

Two years ago the Legislature provided for a commission of five members to adopt plans and select a site for a suitable monument. As a member of that commission, I can say that we have given this matter careful consideration, and have recommended that a monument be erected on the Capitol grounds at Lansing, at a cost of \$250,000. This bill has passed the Senate and is now in the House where we hope it will be passed before their final adjournment.

I desire to recommend that the necessary steps be taken to secure the erection of a suitable memorial to Gen. Geo. A. Custer, one of Michigan's bravest sons, who so gallantly led our cavalry brigade at Gettysburg, distinguished himself on many another battlefield, and finally gave up his life heroically fighting to the last near the Little Big Horn with Sitting Bull and his Sioux warriors.

## SOLDIER'S HOME AND WOMEN'S ANNEX.

The Committee to visit the Soldier's Home have performed their duty and their report will be heard with much interest. This Home was created for the use of those who in its hour of need gave to the country their best service. Let us see to it that we help to keep it, look after its every interest, and the well being of our Comrades whose Home it is.

During the past year, I have made four personal visits there and heartily commend the present officials for their excellent management.

#### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT WASHINGTON.

This will ever be remembered with pleasure by every Comrade who was privileged to be present. The Department of Michigan as represented in the parade was such as to make the heart of every son and daughter of Michigan swell with pride. As your Commander I can truly say that I was proud of the excellent display made by "Michigan, my Michigan."

Our headquarters at the Hotel Arlington were all that could be desired and was visited by many more than the twelve hundred whose names were registered. For the grand rally and the response to meet and again march down historic Pennsylvania avenue and for every assistance rendered me as Department Commander on that memorable occasion, I desire to thank you one and all. Especial mention must be made of Detroit Post No. 384 for their excellent appearance at this time.

The next National Encampment will be held at San Francisco, California, during the week of August 17 to 22. This is nearly two months earlier than our meeting last year, thus giving but a short time for the incoming officers to make up their semi-annual reports and prepare for the Encampment. As it has been the custom for the retiring Commander to engage quarters for the incoming Department Commander, I have acted upon the precedent thus established and have secured headquarters at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco. This was done with little expense to the Department through the courtesy of Comrade E. B. Fenton, a member of the Council of Administration. It is hoped that this action will meet with the approval of my successor.

#### CONCLUSION.

I desire to take this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to the members of my staff, my official associates, and to all the Comrades who have aided by encouraging words and helpful acts in the administration of this Department. To Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Fayette Wyckoff, do I feel especially indebted



for the valuable assistance he has given me, and the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties.

During the past year I have made the acquaintance of many new friends, have added much to the pleasant experiences of life, and shall ever cherish in memory the great honor you have conferred upon me, and these sacred associations with my Comrades.

The Chair—I will appoint the following Committee upon the Address of the Department Commander: Comrades E. M. Allen, Post 132; Louis Kanitz, Post 7; Michael Brown, Post 198; W. F. Atkinson, Post 17; B. H. Pierce, Post 5.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

Comrade Kanitz—If I may be permitted to interrupt a moment—it is simply to expedite matters later on. If you will be so kind, Comrades, to listen to a Comrade who is here with us today, and expected to be with us at the camp fire tonight, but matters have shaped themselves somewhat different, and he will be obliged to leave at 8:36, so that it will be impossible for him to speak to us this evening. I know you want to hear him. Department Commander, if there are no objections, I move that the rules be suspended long enough to hear from our Comrade Russell A. Alger.

The Department Commander—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Gen. Alger.

Comrade Alger—Commander and Comrades—It is not possible in this busy world of ours for men to control their time. We are called frequently from one place to another to perform this duty and that, even though we would linger among our friends longer than we can. I expected to have remained here during the two days of the Encampment, but before leaving home I found that a business engagement that could not be postponed would call me home tomorrow morning; but if I could have remained here but an hour, Comrades, and had to have walked back, I would have come here this year. It has not been my privilege during the past few years to gather with you as often as I wished, but so long as I live, if my health permits, no Encampment of this our great State or great Army shall pass without my being present. A lady in New York the other day asked me who was the nearest to my heart. I told her my family. "Who next?"

"The Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Michigan." And so I feel, Comrades, while we hear the constant talk—too true, perhaps—that we are on the downward road, yet while we stay we will be young, and while we have anything to do, we will do it, as we did in the field. A very distinguished lady in official life in Washington this past winter asked me why old men married young wives. I told her because the eye and the heart never grow old. And so while we are here, looking, perhaps, not so frequently in the mirror to see ourselves as we used to do, yet while we are here, Comrades, let us make this fight to the finish.

I am very happy indeed to look into your faces. I don't know scarcely whether today you look younger than you did the last time I saw you. Perhaps it is because I feel young myself. I don't intend to grow old. If I am older than I was forty years ago, I don't know it, and I hope the rest of you feel the same today. The roster shows we are growing older and our ranks are thinning. But even though the circle grows smaller, let us stand closer together and feel that it is a great privilege to serve one another.

Where you have done me the great honor to send me now in official life, if I cannot do something for my Comrades in my own State and other States, I shall feel that I have been sent there in vain. Nothing can be done for our Comrades too much. All that I can do will be done, with that love, that devotion that fills my heart towards every man who wears the button.

I should say no more but I wish to acknowledge, Mr. Commander and the Encampment of the State of Michigan, the receipt while I was in Washington in official life of this beautiful badge upon which is written that I was the first Department Commander of the State of Michigan. I would rather have that than a thousand acres of the best pine land in the State. The other badge is perhaps the only one that is worn in the State—I hope there may be many more—that of Commander-in-Chief, presented to me by my staff as Commander-in-Chief: This belongs to the State; that belongs to me. Good bye.

The Department Commander—I am informed that a committee of ladies from Charles T. Foster Relief Corps No. 7 is in waiting at the door, and desire to be presented

to the Encampment. I will appoint as a committee to escort the ladies to the stage Comrades Allen, Pond, and Northwood, who will immediately escort them into the room. In the meantime we will suspend the regular order of business.

The committee of ladies were escorted to the stage.

The Department Commander—I have the honor to introduce to you Mrs. Lozee and a committee from Charles T. Foster Relief Corps No. 7.

Mrs. Lozee—Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in behalf of Charles T. Foster Relief Corps No. 7, whose representatives we are, I have the honor—and I deem it an honor that can come to one but once in a lifetime, to present through you to the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, this flag—"Old Glory"—

"The flag of the freeheart's hope and home!  
By angel hands and valor given,  
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,  
And all thy hues were born in heaven."

Commander, in the days of '61 you fought to preserve the honor of this flag, allowing no stars to be blotted from its field of blue and no traitorous hand to tear it from your grasp; and so now we offer it to you, well knowing that the boys of Michigan will never see it dishonored nor its beautiful folds trailed in the dust. We ask you to accept it in the name of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty from the banner corps of the Department of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Celia A. Lozee, President Corps No. 7; Elizabeth A. Kenney, Secretary Corps No. 7; Jennie L. Pond, Past Department President; Sarah H. Wyckoff, Past President Corps No. 7; Laura L. Rice, Past President Corps No. 7; Nora Wortman; Althea Clark; Delia Paine; Flora Leshner.—Committee Charles T. Foster Relief Corps.

The Department Commander—I have a Comrade here whom I will call upon to receive this flag on behalf of the Department of Michigan, who can do it a great deal better than I can—Comrade E. M. Allen.

Comrade Allen—Commander, Comrades, and Ladies of this Corps—It is the duty of a soldier always to obey his superior officer. I will accept this command and endeavor, to obey it to the best of my ability. In behalf of our

Commander, in behalf of these Comrades assembled of the Department of Michigan and the fourteen thousand Comrades who are not here but who are represented, we accept this beautiful banner from your hands. I thought as I listened to the eloquent words of the lady who presented it, when she said that all the colors of this flag are born in heaven, and I looked over these members of her committee, I thought that the colors are not only born in heaven, but the agency through which it is transmitted to us came from heaven, too; at least, if they did not come from heaven, they are all bound for heaven, whither, I trust, we are all marching. I assure you, ladies, that this flag which you have given to the Department of Michigan will be kept by us and maintained unsullied, not only at Department headquarters, but every Comrade will bear from this Encampment a picture of this scene and will ever be proud of this day. You will pardon me if on this occasion I take a moment to review the history of the flag.

It is a history not often told in song or story. There is a tradition that when King Richard led his Royal army to Palestine, in the great Crusade to wrest from impious hands the empty sepulchre of a risen Lord, there followed in his train a sturdy yeoman from western England. He wore a stout heart and ready blade and rode by his sovereign's side through all the varied fortunes of that ill starred campaign. He afterward suffered imprisonment with his king and finally returned with him to Merry England to receive the meed of praise, which beauty ever gives to knightly chivalry. Through all the chances of battle, before beleaguered Jerusalem, he wore upon his arm a shield of brass, upon which were embossed the same ensigna which now adorn our flag and the name of this cavalier was Washington. His descendants with commendable loyalty held an honored place in all the succeeding wars of his country, until from the fateful field of Nasby, where his king, Charles the First, lost his kingdom and eventually his head, Sir John Washington retired to private life. Eight years, chafing under the rule of the Protector, vainly hoping for the time when Charles the Second should come into his own, induced him to seek in the New World a broader field for civil and religious liberty. He brought hither among his household deities the same device which had reflected the sun in Palestine

and was dented with sturdy blows at Marsden Moor and Nasby and it became a part of his family arms. When General Washington ordered our flag to be constructed he knew he was perpetuating the arms of his family, although his modesty forbade him to proclaim it. So this flag we love, which is the exponent of those principles which have been crystallized in heroic deed on a thousand battle fields is ours by inheritance with all its history running back into tradition. But we love it not simply for its history. We love it because it guarantees that every son who has sworn allegiance, be he rich or poor, black or white, whether at home or abroad, may wear upon his brow the imperial coronet of an American citizen.

And I say to you, ladies, that these men, grown old with passing years, whose brows are corrugated with time and whose heads are crowned with silver can be safely entrusted to preserve this flag with all its splendid history. They gave their best years of their young manhood to its defense, and many of them certified their loyalty to the flag with the purple current of their blood; and when the last man of the Grand Army of the Republic shall have heard the bugle sound "lights out," and shall have heard the reveille that welcomes him to the camp beyond, the motive that prompted you to bestow this flag upon the Department of Michigan will live. Again, in behalf of the Department and the Commander, I thank you for this flag.

The ladies having retired, the regular order of business was resumed.

The Senior Vice Department Commander read his report, and it was referred to the following committee: Comrades D. S. Howard, Post 147; H. A. Backus, Post 17; H. B. White, Post 17.

The report was as follows:

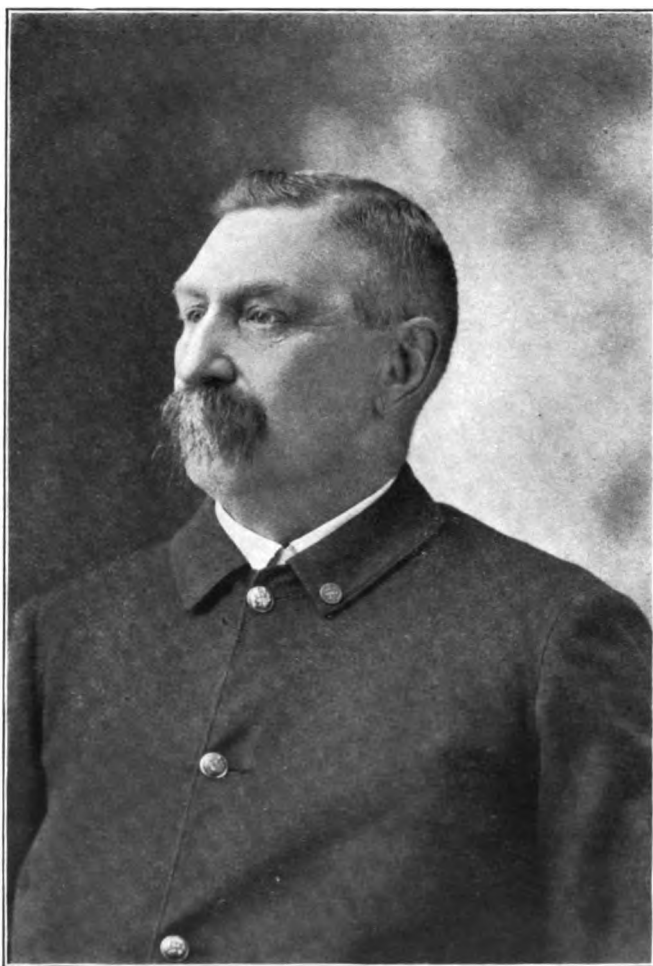
Pontiac, Mich., June 3, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor and pleasure of submitting my annual report as Senior Vice Department Commander.

During the past year I have attended several Posts in





**M. D. RICHARDSON,**  
**Junior Vice Department Commander, G. A. R.**

the eastern part of Michigan and found them to be in a prosperous condition and have always received a most hearty welcome from the Comrades.

To our beloved Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps many thanks are due for the earnest work they have done and are doing in enlisting new members in order that their good work may still go on when they shall have passed away and the boys of '98 be cared for as we have been by these noble women.

The observance of Decoration Day was very general and it would seem as though the true spirit of observing the day in devotion to the memory of the heroes who have crossed the "Great Divide" is growing greater every year. One of the most interesting features of the day at Pontiac was the reading of an essay by Talbot Smith, one of the competitors in the prize contest. I would recommend that the custom of awarding a prize to members of the schools for the best essays devoted to Decoration Day be perpetuated as it lends interest and zest to the coming men and women in the study of our Nation and of our Grand Organization.

I attended the National Encampment at Washington and am glad to say that Michigan was nobly represented there by the men who represented Michigan in the days of '61-'65, their steps are growing more feeble and their number fewer as the years go by, but their love of home and native land still burns bright within them.

Very respectfully yours in F., C. & L.,

LEANDER B. VAN KLEEK,  
Senior Vice Department Commander.

The report of the Junior Vice Department Commander was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades M. Brown, Post 274; O. Tomlinson, Post 269; and R. B. Davis, Post 10.

The report was as follows:

Lansing, Mich., June 7, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G. Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the pleasure of submitting my report as Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and in



so doing I desire to call the attention of the Department to an act of the Legislature of 1897, entitled An Act to prefer the employment of Veterans of the late Civil War, in all public places in the State of Michigan; which act was amended by the Legislature of 1899, so as to include the soldiers of the late Spanish-American War in its provisions, which said act as amended is found on page 147 of the Journal of the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of the State of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. A provision in section one of said act, which requires the applicant to be a resident of the county where such employment is to be performed for at least two years directly previous to such application, renders it inoperative and of no effect.

An amendment to remedy the defect referred to was drafted by Judge Cahill, Ex-Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan, and was introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Colby on January 28, 1903. It was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, who reported the same to the House favorably, and recommended its passage. Said amendment was subsequently referred to the Judiciary Committee, the said Judiciary Committee refusing to make any report on the amendment, it slept the sleep of death in their hands.

We hope this Encampment may take such action in the matter as may be necessary, to have it properly brought before the next Legislature, so that the Veterans of the Civil War may obtain the rights which sacredly belong to them for services rendered in the time of our Nation's need. Other states have already enacted laws similar to the one herein referred to, and which have the approval of the Supreme Court of their respective States, and we know of no just reason why the great State of Michigan should not make the same or similar provisions for the Veterans residing therein, as any other State in the Union.

We also call the attention of this Encampment to a concurrent resolution which was passed by the House and Senate of the State of Michigan, and which was approved by the Governor during the session of 1901, which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, The heroes of the war for the preservation of the Union are fast passing away; and

"WHEREAS, It is fitting that the memory of those heroes and

their brave deeds should be kept prominently in the minds of the youth of this country, that they may be respected and honored as their patriotism merits; therefore

*"Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to take appropriate action for the presentation to each honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the war for the preservation of the Union, of some suitable badge or button, properly protected by law, whereby he may be designated as one of the country's defenders in her hour of peril; and*

*"Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be instructed to use all proper means to secure legislation by Congress appropriate to this end; and*

*"Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit copies of these resolutions to President McKinley and to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.*

*"Approved.*

*"A. T. BLISS, Governor."*

On December 4, 1901, Hon. J. C. Burrows, U. S. Senator of Michigan, introduced in the Senate of the United States the following bill; to wit:—

#### A GOVERNMENT BADGE FOR THE VETERANS.

A bill to provide for presenting a badge or button to each honorably discharged soldier, sailor and marine of the war for the preservation of the Union, and for protecting the same by law.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that every honorably discharged soldier, sailor and marine who was in the military or naval service of the United States for a period of not less than ninety days at any time between the 12th day of April, Anno Domini, 1861, and the first day of July, Anno Domini, 1865, shall be entitled to receive a badge or button from the Government of the United States, as a testimonial of his services in the war for the preservation of the Union.

Section 2. That such badge or button shall be made of some suitable metal, and shall be after a pattern to be prescribed by a joint board consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

Section 3. That said joint board shall also prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary in regard to the form of applications for such badge or button, the degree or amount of proof required to establish the fact that the applicant rendered service entitling him to such badge or button, and the identity of the applicant. But the records of the War Department and the Navy Department of the United States shall in all cases be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated in regard to the service of the applicant.

Section 4. That every person who shall counterfelt any badge or button adopted and issued under the provisions of this act

shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment not more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Section 5. That every person who shall falsely and fraudulently wear, display or use as his, with intent to deceive, any badge or button adopted and issued under the provisions of this act, but which badge or button was awarded and issued to and intended for any other person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Section 6. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Said bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, where it still remains, and we believe no effort has been made by said committee to have said bill reported out so that the Senate could act thereon.

Now, in consideration that laws have been and are still being enacted by the General Government of the United States, and by the several States of the Union, to teach patriotism to the coming generations who will inhabit this great Republic, that if the foregoing bill, or one similar, should become a law, it would be an object lesson, which would teach patriotism more effectually than any other method ever devised; besides placing a badge of honor on the breasts of those who faced death in defense of the flag we are so justly proud of today, and which would only be a small pittance of the recognition due them by the greatest government on earth, and which they so nobly earned and justly deserve.

We would respectfully ask that this Encampment give the matter careful consideration, hoping that a suitable memorial may be presented to Congress by this Encampment requesting that the foregoing bill, or one similar, may become a law and operative at an early date.

My relations with the officers of the Department, and of the Department itself, have been most cordial, and I have endeavored to commit no act that would cast a reflection on the Department which has honored me as Junior Vice Commander. I extend my sincere thanks to the Department, for the courteous treatment extended to me, and I assure them that I fully appreciate the honor they have conferred upon me.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

M. D. RICHARDSON,

Junior Vice Commander, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

The Department Commander appointed the following committees:

Committee on Resolutions—Comrades C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; P. H. McBride, Post 262; M. C. Barney, Post 145.

Committee to visit the Woman's Relief Corps—E. M. Allen, Post 132; S. J. Lawrence, Post 218; George H. Hopkins, Post 384.

Committee to Visit Sons of Veterans—O. Tomlinson, Post 269; T. E. Potter, Post 42; W. D. Brainard, Post 111.

Committee to Visit Ladies of the G. A. R.—Frank R. Chase, Post 126; W. W. Root, Post 441; W. H. Leroy, Post 377.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was read and referred to the following committee: A. B. Coffinbury, Post 5; John W. Eddy, Post 7; H. L. Bryant, Post 255.

The report was as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING MICH., MAY 9, 1903. }

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander:

Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order I have prepared and now submit for the consideration of this Department a detailed report of the transactions of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General for the past year.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The reports sent to National Headquarters during your term of office as consolidated from the semi-annual reports as sent in by the Posts of this Department are as follows:

	Posts. Members	
Number in good standing, Dec. 31, 1901.....	368	14,406
Term ending June 30, 1902.		
Gains:	Posts. Members.	
By muster .....	217	
By transfer .....	114	
By reinstatement .....	210	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	2	23
Total gain first term.....		2 564
Aggregate .....	370	14,970
Losses:		
By death .....	216	
By honorable discharge.....	18	
By transfer .....	88	
By suspension .....	412	
By delinquent reports.....	5	132
By surrender of charter.....	4	52
Total loss first term.....		9 918
Number remaining in good standing at end of first term.....	361	14,052
Term ending December 31, 1902.		
Gains:	Posts. Members.	
By muster .....	131	
By transfer .....	96	
By reinstatement .....	205	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	3	78
Total gain second term.....		3 510
Aggregate .....	364	14,562
Losses:		
By death .....	185	
By honorable discharge.....	34	
By transfer .....	74	
By suspension .....	470	
By delinquent reports.....	3	57
By surrender of charter.....	2	26
Total loss second term.....		5 846
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1902.....	359	13,716
During the first term ending June 30, 1902		
Posts No. 315, 355, were reinstated.		
Posts No. 195, 285, 339, 443, 444, reported as delinquent.		
Posts No. 106, 247, 249, 355, surrendered their charters.		

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During the second term ending December 31, 1902

Posts No. 195, 285, 339, were reinstated.

Posts No. 244, 257, 339, were reported as delinquent.

Posts No. 161, 356, surrendered their charters.

It is well known that this does not show the condition of the Department today, as the membership received and lost since January 1, 1903, does not enter into this report.

The total gain in membership from all sources has been 1,074, while the total losses from all sources is 1,764. A net loss for the year of nine Posts and 690 members. Of this number 401 members died. The most fruitful source of loss to our membership is the suspended list; reports show the Posts of this Department are carrying 2,579 on suspended list. This is not quite 19 per cent of our present membership. Some of the Posts are reporting more on the suspended list than they do in good standing, for example one Post reports 75 members in good standing and 118 remaining on suspended list; there are 14 Posts reporting more than 100 per cent above membership on suspended list, and 23 Posts reporting over 50 per cent on suspended list while many others are carrying a less number of suspended members.

I mention these facts hoping that some good result may come from a knowledge of these matters; the remedy lies with the individual Posts, should we not make a strong effort to get these back into the ranks? Here is an opportunity for work in recruiting our membership.

The gain by muster during 1901 was 411 while in 1902 we only mustered 348, a falling off of 63. I know it is believed that from this time on there must be a continual loss in our membership. I cannot agree with this when the best information we have shows that less than half of the Civil War Veterans living within the borders of our State are members of our noble Order.

It is believed if an earnest effort should be made that many could be induced to join the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is with not a little pride and pleasure that we can report two new Posts organized and mustered in. On January 17th, application was received from J. E. Cohe-nour and 16 others of Saugatuck for a Charter for a new Post, which was granted and the Post was mustered in on February 9th. Col. B. D. Pritchard of Post 56 being detailed as mustering officer. On May 4th received ap-

plication from G. W. Groom and 12 others of Perrinton, Gratiot County, for Charter for a Post and asking permission to take the same name and number as the disbanded Post, which was granted and Charles Price Post 405 was mustered in May 13th by Special Mustering Officer Robert Anderson of Post 127. These Posts having been organized and mustered since December 31, 1902, do not appear in the consolidated report. These are some of the legacies you will leave to your successor.

#### FINANCES.

The cash receipts that have come into my hands are as follows:

From per capita tax, first term.....	\$1,405 20
From per capita tax, second term.....	1,371 60
From charter fees.....	20 00
From other sources.....	16 00
From sales of supplies.....	350 02
Total .....	<u>\$3,162 82</u>

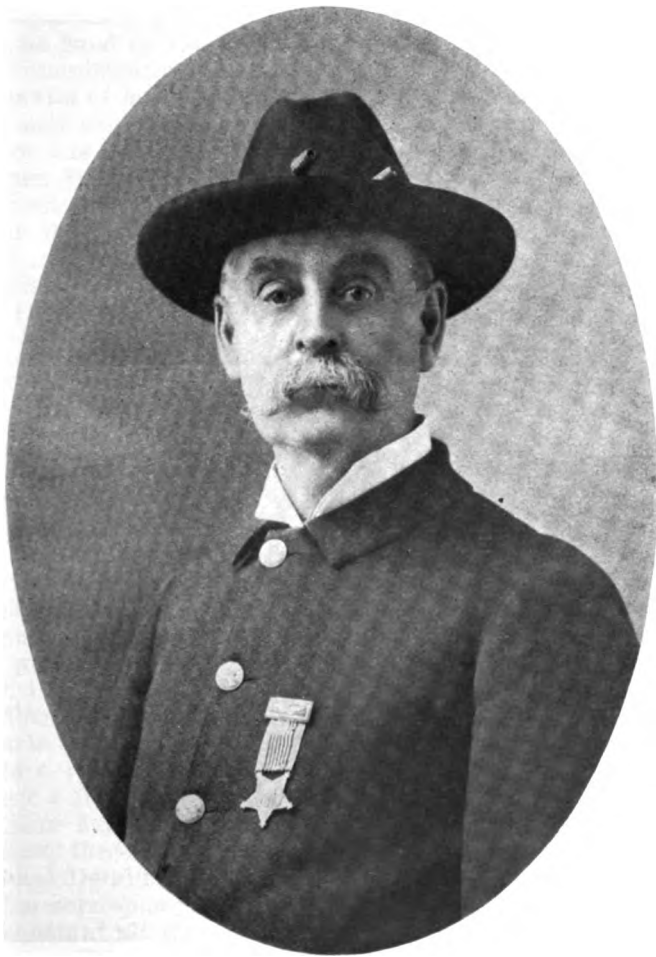
All of which has been paid over in cash or voucher to Assistant Quartermaster Chas. D. Blanchard as per his receipts on file.

Full details of the expenditures will appear in the reports of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Council of Administration to which you are referred.

A full assortment of supplies has been kept at Headquarters and all orders sent there have been filled. There is a falling off in the demand for supplies due possibly to the fact that very few new Posts are being organized.

The receipts of the Assistant Adjutant General are (\$115.69) less than 1901, owing to decrease in membership, there is a corresponding decrease in Per Capita Tax. There has been a call for increase of expenses in some directions. The Encampment at Cleveland increased the Per Capita Tax to the National Department one-cent per member; this means about \$140.00 per year of increase tax to this Department.

There has been an increase in the price of printing, consequent upon the increase in price of material and labor. These increased demands show that the receipts have not quite met the expenditures, but if we can increase



**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.





our membership, and I believe we can, we can continue to show a surplus.

The value of Post supplies on hand is \$90.81, the value of Department property consisting of flags, office matter, etc., as fixed by the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration is \$141.00. This is a decrease from valuation of last year of \$33.00. Our Department flag is so nearly worn out that only a small valuation was affixed. There was a small decrease in valuation of Department banner, Union Jack and typewriter.

From the reports of the various Posts to the Department Headquarters for the term ending December 31, 1902, we find the following showing as to amount of property, cash and other items belonging to the Posts of the Department:

Cash in Post relief funds.....	\$1,602 34
Cash in Post general funds.....	11,320 37
Value of real estate.....	37,098 00
Estimated value of other property.....	46,194 66
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$96,315 37</b>

#### RELIEF.

The relief afforded by the Posts to needy and deserving Comrades as shown in the semi-annual reports is distressingly meager, the total relief as reported only amounts to \$399.66. I can hardly believe this represents the amounts actually given; all Posts should make sure that the personal charity of individual members as well as Post contributions is reported. It is unfortunate that in our reports to National Headquarters so incomplete a record has to be made, when all must admit it is but a fraction of what is actually given.

There has been issued during the year eight General Orders, three Special Orders, five dispensations, fifteen Special Details.

The correspondence at Headquarters has continued to be constant all through the year, care has been exercised to respond to all inquiries received as promptly and fully as possible.

Once again Post Commanders and Adjutants are reminded that the semi-annual report ending June 30, blanks for which have been sent to the Adjutants, must be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General before

the 1st of July. The early session of the National Encampment makes it imperative that this call be heeded. There is danger that many Posts will be found on the delinquent list if reports and per capita tax are not sent in during this month. There will be no time for special calls.

You will observe from this report that six Posts have surrendered their Charters and disbanded. I believe that if a personal effort had been made by the members some of them might have existed for years yet, lack of interest and indifference is the primary cause of disbandment, in others small membership is the reason assigned. I like to refer to the words of a Comrade, (not of this Department however) who in forwarding his report showing a loss of one by death, leaving only five remaining, said: "It is our intention to keep up our organization as long as the Department will permit and life lasts. We did not enter the Grand Army to give up in dismay and hold up our hands at discouraging drawbacks; we are not built that way."

The Journals of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment not having been received I wrote to the Adjutant General and on May 18th received from Past Adjutant General S. H. Towler the following reply:

"Dear Comrade—It has been a matter of very deep regret to me that there has been such a delay in the publication of the Journal of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment, but the fault is not with me. My work was all done and corrected more than two months ago, but the printers with whom I made the contract became overwhelmed with work, and to please their regular customers put my work aside. However the book is now in the bindery and I will ship a part or all of them this week. Five thousand copies have been printed and they will be distributed to the Departments in accordance with the recommendation and approval of both Commander-in-Chief Stewart and Past Commander-in-Chief Torrence. After supplying Present and Past National Officers and retaining a small supply for Headquarters and libraries, there will be left for distribution to the Department one copy for each two Posts."

Up to the time of leaving Headquarters at Lansing no Journals had been received.

This Encampment will choose one Representative and one Alternate at large, and 18 Representatives and 18 Alternates upon the basis of one Representative and one Alternate for each 750 members or major fraction thereof

to represent this Department at the Thirty-seventh National Encampment to be held at San Francisco, Cal., August 17-22, 1903.

There has been two meetings of the Council of Administration and two meetings of the Executive Committee of that body. The proceedings of which are attached to this report.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to express to you, Commander, my sincere thanks for the honor of my appointment as your. Assistant Adjutant General. Our relations have been so far as I am concerned exceedingly happy, and I could not ask or expect greater consideration from my superior than you have invariably accorded me. I have endeavored to conscientiously and faithfully perform every known duty devolving upon me. It has been my purpose to serve you and the Department in a way that would meet your approval and be for the best interest of the Order. If I have succeeded in a degree I shall feel amply repaid for the effort. To the other Department officers and members of your personal staff, my relations have been pleasant indeed, and to you all from Department Commander down I express my grateful thanks. As my acquaintance with my Comrades throughout the State increases, my love and regard for them also increases.

There is no bond that unites us together like that of "Comrade." Cherish it as long as life shall last.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

## MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
PONTIAC, JUNE 12, 1902. }

In obedience to the call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met in parlor C, Hodges House at 4 p. m.

**Present:**

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander.  
L. D. Van Kleek, Sen. Vice Department Commander.  
M. D. Richardson, Jun. Vice Department Commander.  
W. W. Root, Medical Director.  
Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain.  
Chas. D. Blanchard, Asst Q. M. Genl.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.  
Council of Administration—E. B. Fenton, W. J. Just, Thomas Davey.

It was moved and supported that the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at \$1,000 and the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General at \$3,000.

Which motion was adopted.

The Department Commander announced as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Comrades E. B. Fenton, Post 384; W. J. Just, Post 211; C. E. Foote, Post 79.

Moved and seconded that the Department Commander be empowered to respond to the calls of weak Posts for visits, etc., by details of Comrades from near by Posts at the expense of the Department.

Which motion was carried.

After some informal talk on the good of the Order, on motion the council adjourned to meet at call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**Approved:**

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, MICH., MARCH 10, 1903. }

Pursuant to a call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee met at Department Headquarters in Capitol building at 10 a. m.

**Present:**

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander.  
Chas. D. Blanchard, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.  
Executive Committee—C. E. Foote, W. J. Just.

The Committee proceeded to examine the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and found the same correct.

Comrade Foote moved and it was supported that Comrade E. B. Fenton be authorized to secure Headquarters for the Department of Michigan at San Francisco, Cal., for the coming National Encampment to be held in August, said quarters to consist of one parlor for General Headquarters to be supplied with two folding beds, also three rooms for two persons each, that the Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to confer with Comrade Fenton in arranging for and securing these Headquarters.

Which was adopted.

Comrade Just moved that the Twenty-fifth Department Encampment be held on the 9th, 10th and 11th of June at Muskegon that being the place selected by the last Encampment.

The motion prevailed.

It was moved that the Assistant Adjutant General visit Muskegon and make such arrangements for Department Headquarters as may be deemed necessary.

Motion adopted.

Comrade Foote moved that the Assistant Adjutant General secure the services of a stenographer to take the minutes of the Encampment, and prepare them for the printer.

The motion was adopted.

Moved and carried that the Department invite the Commander-in-Chief to attend the Department Encampment and Camp Fire on Wednesday June 10th.

Which motion prevailed and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to invite the Commander-in-Chief.

The following valuation was placed upon the Department property:

1 Silk Flag (poor condition).....	\$10 00
1 Union Jack .....	12 00
1 letter scale .....	1 50
1 Department seal .....	2 00
1 numbering machine .....	10 00
1 duplicator .....	4 00
1 Department banner.....	40 00
1 bunting flag (old).....	2 50
1 letter press.....	1 00
1 typewriter .....	50 00
1 frame for Dept. Commander photo.....	8 00

Total valuation..... \$141 00

Committee adjourned subject to call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
MUSKEGON, JUNE 9, 1903. }

Persuant to call of the Department Commander the Executive Committee met in Room 147 Occidental Hotel at 3:30 p. m.

Present:

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

Chas. D. Blanchard, Asst. Q. M. Gen.

Council of Administration—Capt. E. B. Fenton, C. E. Foote, O. Tomlinson.

The Committee proceeded to examine and audit the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General which they found

correct, showing a balance of \$1,490.54 in General Fund, Alger Fund \$967.72, interest \$14.51, making a total of \$982.23 on deposit to the credit of the Alger Fund.

Moved and supported that above report be adopted.  
Motion to adjourn prevailed.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
MUSKEGON, JUNE 9, 1903. }

Agreeable to published call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met in Room 147, Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, Mich.

Present:

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander.  
L. D. Van Kleek, Sen. Vice Dept. Commander.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.  
Chas. D. Blanchard, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
Council of Administration—E. B. Fenton, C. E. Foot, O. Tomlinson, Thomas Davey.

Minutes of two preceding meetings of the Executive Committee were read and on motion were approved.

The Commander announced the death of Comrade W. J. Just, a member of the Council of Administration. A Committee on Resolutions on death of Comrade Just was appointed consisting of Comrades Tomlinson, Foote, and VanKleek.

The Committee reported as follows:

At a meeting of the Council of Administration, G. A. R., Department of Michigan, June 9, 1903, the death of Comrade W. J. Just was announced by the Department Commander and referred to the undersigned as a Committee to submit resolutions appropriate thereto.

Now therefore resolved, That the Council of Administration in the death of Comrade Just has lost a faithful and efficient member and Comrade, who has served for many years faithfully and well. That the Department has lost a loyal Comrade whose sympathies and acts were



at all times a living evidence of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

That these resolutions be spread at large upon the records of the Assistant Adjutant General and that that officer is hereby instructed to furnish a copy thereof to the bereaved widow and family.

O. TOMLINSON,  
C. E. FOOTE,  
L. D. VAN KLEEK,  
Committee.

On motion the resolutions as read were adopted.

There being no further business, on motion the Council of Administration adjourned sine die.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was read and referred to the following Committee: E. O. Jameson, Post 384; J. O. Bellair, Post 5; H. A. Backus, Post 17.

The report was as follows:

Muskegon, June 9, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—In compliance with rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to herewith submit to you my report of the business transacted in the office of the Quartermaster General of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., for last year.



**CHARLES D. BLANCHARD,**  
**Assistant Quartermaster General, G. A. R.**



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Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1902.		
July 3th.	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	\$278 40
July 7th.		384 65
July 10th.	By cash from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen'l Bump.....	1,569 82
July 21st.	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	263 30
Nov. 12th.	Interest on deposit.....	15 00
Dec. 29th.	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	261 80
1903.		
Jan. 7th.	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	415 00
Jan. 17th.		415 80
Feb. 25th.	Cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	54 30
	Interest on deposit.....	21 00
June 9th.	Cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	23 64
Total.....		\$3,681 61
1902.		
Received vouchers as cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l:		
Vouchers Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.....		\$132 28
July 3th.	" " 7 to 10 "	111 47
July 21st.	" " 11 to 17 "	241 40
Sept. 11th.	" " 18 to 25 "	78 94
Dec. 8th.	" " 26 to 29 "	62 38
Dec. 29th.		
1903.		
Jan. 7th.	" " 30 to 31 "	56 40
Jan. 17th.	" " 32 "	46 84
Feb. 25th.	" " 33 to 39 "	118 70
Apr. 3rd.	" " 40 to 45 "	54 68
Apr. 15th.	" " 46 to 49 "	93 60
June 2nd.	" " 50 to 54 "	76 54
June 9th.	" " 55 "	4 80
Total.....		\$1,076 53

Voucher.	Date.	Claim.	Amount.
	1902.		
1	July 3...	Office expense A. A. G.....	\$11 84
2	July 3...	Reporting proceedings 24th Encampment.....	50 00
3	July 3...	Official bond A. A. G.....	5 00
4	July 3...	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
5	July 3...	Official bond A. Q. M. G.....	15 00
6	July 3...	Office expense A. A. G.....	4 80
7	July 21...	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	25 84
8	July 21...	Past Commander's badge.....	35 00

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Vouchers.	Date.	Claim.	Amount.
	1903.		
K	Mar. 16..	Exp. meet. ex. committee, Anthony.....	\$38 14
Y	Mar. 19..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
40	Apr. 3..	Office expense A. A. G.....	8 04
41	Apr. 3..	Exp. meet. ex. committee, Just.....	2 78
42	Apr. 3..	" " " " C. E. Foote.....	6 61
43	Apr. 3..	Humphrey drum corps National Encampment.....	20 00
44	Apr. 3..	Exp. A. A. G. to Muskegon.....	7 12
45	Apr. 3..	Office expense A. A. G.....	10 32
46	Apr. 3..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
A-2	Apr. 3..	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	33 70
46	Apr. 15..	Printing 600 Department Rosters, 1903.....	61 00
47	Apr. 15..	Exp. Attg. Leg. Committee, C. E. Foote.....	8 10
48	Apr. 15..	" " " " A. Milnes.....	5 00
49	Apr. 15..	Office supplies A. A. G.....	19 50
B-2	Apr. 15..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 84
C	Apr. 30..	" " " " ".....	45 83
D	May 15..	" " " " ".....	45 84
E	May 18..	Supplies from Q. M. G.....	13 00
F-2	May 26..	R. E. Brackett, prize medals, for high schools.....	50 00
50	June 2..	J. A. Blasinger, flowers for funeral of W. J. Just.....	4 00
51	June 2..	Crotty Bros., letter copy book.....	2 15
52	June 2..	Office expense A. A. G.....	14 17
53	June 2..	" " " " ".....	10 19
54	June 2..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 83
G-2	June 3..	Robert Smith Printing Co.....	112 85
H-2	June 3..	Salary A. Q. M. G.....	100 00
I-2	June 6..	Office expense A. Q. M. G.....	9 61
55	June 6..	Exp. A. A. G. Muskegon.....	4 30
J-2	June 9..	Exp. executive committee, Muskegon, Fenton.....	12 05
L-2	June 9..	" " " " Muskegon, Foote.....	9 98
M-2	June 9..	" " " " Muskegon, Tomlinson.....	9 05
N-2	June 9..	Exp. credential committee, H. Spalding.....	8 35
O-2	June 9..	" " " " H. A. Chapin.....	3 31
K-2	June 9..	Half month's salary A. A. G.....	45 79
O-2	June 9..	A. Q. M. G. expense to Muskegon.....	19 45
		Total.....	\$3,297 60
Total receipts cash.....			\$3,681 61
Total receipts vouchers.....			1,076 53
			\$4,757 14
Total disbursements.....			\$3,297 60
Balance on hand.....			1,490 54

Disbursements Consolidated.	Amount.
Office expenses Headquarters.....	\$121 50
Supplies from Quartermaster General.....	182 27
Printing for Headquarters.....	380 50
Expense 36th National Encampment at Washington.....	252 85
Music " " " " " ".....	70 00
Per capita tax National Headquarters.....	497 70
Expense Executive Committee, Lansing.....	88 17
Expense Legislative Committee, Lansing.....	38 75
Assistant Adjutant General's salary.....	1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General's salary.....	100 00
J. K. Davidson, badges.....	61 40
Staff Mounts 36th National Encampment.....	49 00
Guaranty Fidelity Co.....	20 00
Reporting proceedings at Pontiac.....	50 00
Five prize medals for essays.....	50 00
East Comd. badge.....	35 00
C. V. R. Pond, compiling proceedings.....	50 00
Hibbon badges for Encampment at Washington.....	20 00
Decorating, etc., Headquarters 36th National Encampment.....	29 55
Expense Assistant Quartermaster General.....	27 61
Expense Executive Committee at Muskegon.....	33 08
Expense Credential Committee at Muskegon.....	11 35
Expense Assistant Quartermaster General travelling to Muskegon.....	19 46
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,267 60</b>
Received from Past Assistant Quartermaster General on account of Alger fund.....	\$967 72
September 30, interest on same.....	14 51
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$982 23</b>

This amount is now on deposit in the Marquette County Savings Bank drawing three per cent interest and if allowed to remain for one year in said bank there is a proviso that said amount shall draw four per cent interest. I would therefore recommend that this Alger fund be allowed to remain in the Marquette County Savings Bank until September 30, 1903.

In closing this, my annual report, I desire to tender my sincere thanks to Commander Anthony who so kindly appointed me to this responsible position one year ago. To Assistant Adjutant General Wyckoff as we are about to sever our official relations, I desire to thank him for his many courtesies and favors shown me during the year which has lightened the burdens of my office very much, and wherever he may go on life's journey may he enjoy health and prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. D. BLANCHARD,  
Assistant Quartermaster General,  
Department of Michigan G. A. R.

Comrade Tomlinson, Post 269—Commander, in view of the program that has been adopted by the citizens for this afternoon, I move you that when this Encampment take a recess at the noon hour, that it stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Seconded and carried.

The report of the Medical Director was read and referred to the following committee: S. R. Wortes, Post 5; J. F. Fillmore, Post 173; W. M. Horton, Post 114.

The report was as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT  
OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
MASON, JUNE 6, 1903. }

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1902:

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants.....	194
No. of deaths during year.....	239
No. who presumably died of wounds received in the service .....	9
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service .....	90
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	140
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge .....	39
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$366 90
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines .....	38
The reasonable money value of such service.....	110 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....	148 40
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Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies .....	\$624 40
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions .....	25
No. of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouses.....	4

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this Department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors, Grand Rapids, Mich.



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Membership December 31, 1902, present .....	810
On leave .....	217
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,027</b>
Average present for year ending December 31, 1902.....	732
Number of deaths.....	106
Appropriation by State for the years ending December 31, 1902, for the current expenses of Home.....	\$124,000

The United States government allows \$100 per annum for each soldier cared for in a state soldiers' home, basing their estimate on the average number present in the home. There should, therefore, be paid to the State of Michigan, for the year ending December 31, 1902, \$73,200.00 which amount being deducted from the State appropriation of \$124,000.00 leaves the cost of caring for over 1,000 veterans and about 100 widows, wives and mothers of soldiers a trifle over \$5,000.00, or less than \$50.00 per capita. I have not reported the figures relating to the Women's building which will probably be reported by the officers of the W. R. C.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,  
WILLIAM W. ROOT,  
Medical Director.

Comrade Woodman—I received a letter yesterday informing me that the flag of the Fourteenth Michigan was found in the depot at Toronto, Canada, and if any member of the regiment is present today, if he will communicate with me, I will put him in the way of getting that flag.

The report of the Department Inspector was read and referred to the following committee: Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384; Seymour Foster, Post 42; Albert Dunham, Post 45.

The report was as follows:

Lansing, Mich., June 17, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing,  
Michigan:

Comrade—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the transactions of the Posts of the Department of Michigan, for the year ending June 30, 1903:

Total number of Posts.....	359
Total number of members in good standing.....	13,716
Number of Posts inspected.....	262
Number of Posts not inspected.....	97
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings..	Fair to good
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified .....	240
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped.....	50
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed..	35
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept .....	258
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax has been forwarded.....	258
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	52
Aggregate of Post relief fund.....	\$2,277 96
Aggregate expenditures by Posts for relief.....	986 46
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermaster....	17,159 56
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts....	54,051 27
Number of Posts with Woman's Relief Corps attached	187
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	17
Number of Posts with Ladies of the G. A. R. attached.	14

I repeat what has been said by my predecessors in regard to the present system of inspection in this Department, it seems to me that it is an outlay of money and labor, from which no value is received. The most valuable information obtained is also reported to the Assistant Adjutant General in the semi-annual reports, and in many cases the reports of the inspectors are inaccurate. Most of our Comrades will remember that inspection was the part of the service most dreaded during the war, then we were young and compelled to do it.

The original object of inspection was to find the weak Posts and then detail a Comrade from some strong neighboring Post to visit them and place them on a war footing. My experience has been that the large strong Posts make prompt and accurate reports, while the small weak Posts do not report at all.

You will see by my report that out of 359 Posts in good

standing only 262 were inspected, leaving a balance of 97 Posts uninspected, which was caused mostly by the following orders sent out from National Headquarters at the time I should have received the reports:

General Order No. 2.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
Independence Hall, Philadelphia, November 25, 1902.

Article 9.—At the Thirty-sixth National Encampment, the following amendments to the Rules and Regulations were adopted:

The abolition of the offices of Inspector General and Department Inspector, and the reports required of and by these officers, was recommended..... The Committee reported—

We do not concur as to the officers, but do concur as to dispensing with the formal reports, and to this end recommend the adoption of the following, in lieu of Article 5, Chapter 5, page 30 (providing for inspection).

The report of the committee was adopted, and Article 5, Chapter 5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief, or any Department Commander may require the inspection of any Department or Post in their respective jurisdictions, whenever they may believe that the best interests of the order requires it. For this purpose, they may detail a Comrade, who shall for the time being, be called an Inspector. The duties of such officer shall be prescribed by the Commander-in-Chief, or the Department Commander making the appointment.

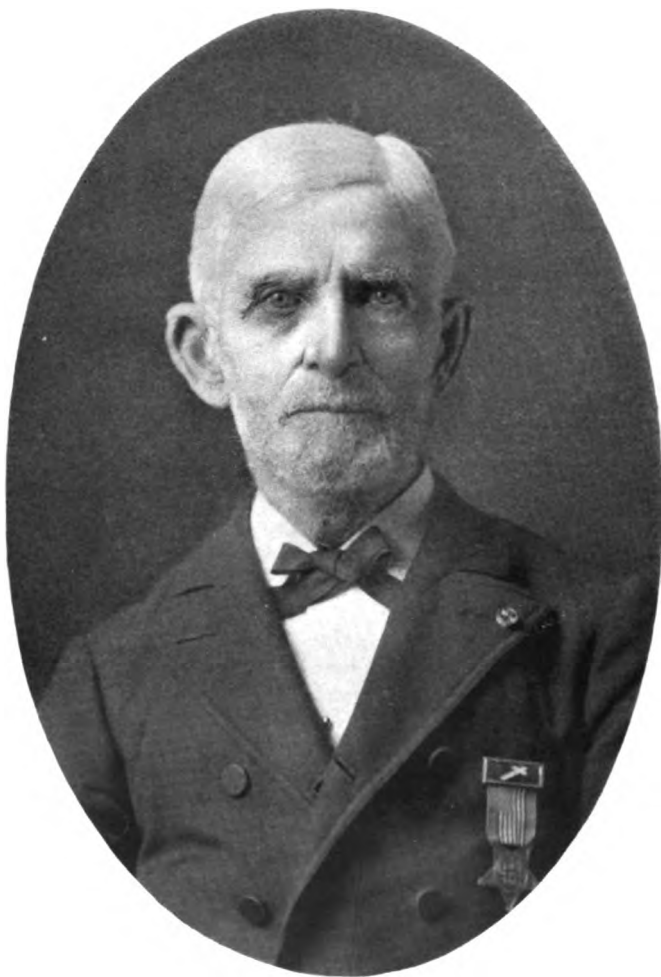
I heartily agree with the National Encampment in the amendment made, and I recommend that this Encampment advise the carrying out of the same by the Department Commander.

In conclusion I wish to thank Commander Anthony for the honor conferred on me by appointing me Department Inspector. I have tried to do my duty, but it has been the hardest and most worrying position I have ever filled in the Grand Army, for the reason that a great majority of the Comrades have had no confidence in the present mode of inspection, as has already been clearly shown by the action of the National Encampment.

In retiring from this my official station, I shall ever remember with pleasure the courtesies and kindnesses that have been shown me during my term as Department Inspector.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,  
GEO. W. STONE,  
Department Inspector.





**WILLIAM PUTNAM,**  
**Department Chaplain, G. A. R.**

The report of the Department Chaplain was read and referred to the following committee: H. S. White, Post 202; D. S. Howard, Post 147; M. Stilson, Post 395.

The following is the report.

Lansing, Mich., June 8, 1903.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I herewith render to you my report as Chaplain of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., for the year 1902.

The work of the Department Chaplain consist mainly in obtaining and compiling reports embodying statistics of the Posts of this Department, relating to Memorial Sunday services and Decoration Day and report to you. These observances and statistics constitute quite an important item in the purposes and history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and should receive the careful and thorough attention of every Post, especially every Post Chaplain or Adjutant, in promptly, fully and correctly preparing such report and transmitting it to the Department Chaplain or Assistant Adjutant General. Instead, many are carelessly and imperfectly executed, long delayed, or neglected altogether.

To fill out these reports requires very little time and trouble if done promptly, while the data is fresh and the mind still interested in them. It would greatly aid in securing these reports if they were called for by each Post at the first meeting after Decoration Day, read, corrected if necessary, approved, and ordered sent at once to Department Headquarters. This business treatment of the report would give the members of Posts information they do not all possess and convey a more just impression of prominence and importance to it, as an historical document, the items of which go to swell the great aggregate of the vast work done by the Posts in their patriotic and sacred act of remembering and honoring the names and services of Comrades who gave themselves as sacrifices on the altar of our Country's salvation in the hour of peril; constituting a service and honor surpassing that rendered by and to the soldiers of any other age or country.

To obtain these reports from all the Posts as far as possible has been difficult and laborious. Up to July, 268 reports had been received from the 361 Posts, leaving a deficiency of nearly 100. Printed circulars were then prepared and sent to the Adjutant of each delinquent Post, soliciting an immediate report, and obtaining 52 responses. Early in August the circular was again sent to about 40 still delinquent, obtaining 12 responses. In September the appeal was sent the third time to 24 still delinquent, accompanied by a blank form of report—all that could be obtained—from which only 7 responses came. Finally, in October, we wrote a personal letter to the Commander of each remaining delinquent Post as follows:

Comrade—I am very anxious to receive a report of Memorial and Decoration Day services of last May from every Post if possible.

At our last Department Encampment much regret and dissatisfaction was publicly expressed that so many Posts failed to report the previous year. This year, by repeated appeals to Adjutants of Posts, I have reports from all but 17. Your Post is one of the 17. Last month, with my third appeal, I sent a blank form of report to be filled out and returned, but have not yet received it. These reports are important. Will you, as Commander, be so kind as to urge a report at once from your Chaplain or Adjutant, and greatly oblige.

Very truly yours, in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.

From this appeal came only four responses, leaving 13 Posts from which we could obtain no report.

A number of reports are deficient and imperfect. A few make no mention of the number of graves decorated. By careful and repeated addition of long columns of figures to obtain accuracy, we reach the following results:

Number of reports received.....	348
Number of Sunday Memorial services attended.....	338
Number of Sermons preached to Posts.....	334
Number of Veterans who preached sermons to Posts.....	24
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached sermons to Posts .....	35
Number of Comrades reported present at these services..	10,008
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	340
Number of Comrades participating in this observance....	13,739
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated....	1,107
Number of graves of Comrades decorated.....	22,002

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Number of graves without proper headstones.....	2,228
Number of public schools participating.....	592
Number of pupils participating.....	44,875
Number of other organizations participating.....	469
Number of Posts having public addresses delivered.....	304
Number of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	65
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	41
Number of Posts owning burial plots.....	169

These reports, the results of which are here exhibited, show a great public work done by the Posts of this Department in large numbers of Sunday services and sermons, hundreds of Decoration Day parades and addresses, thousands of citizens and school children enlisted and may thousands of graves of Comrades visited and decorated with flowers and flags.

It reflects honor on Comrades, living or dead. It awakened great public interest, and sympathy, and co-operation in the purposes of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the sacred solemnity of Memorial Day as a great National anniversary devoted to the memory of our Country's great sacrifice for Liberty, Union and perpetuation.

These services constitute annually one of the grandest and most sublime National object lessons in Patriotism this country can produce, and everything should be done that can be done to not only make it a proud success, but to have its full records exhibited by every Post in our country showing their part, however great or small, in this perpetuation of a great historical feature of our national existence.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.

Department Commander—I regret to announce that Chief Mustering Officer W. W. Wheeler is unable to be present. The Assistant Adjutant General will read his report.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the report which is as follows:



Flint, Mich., June 6, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan:

Dear Comrade—I have the honor to report to you and through you to the Commander of this Department, that I have not been called upon to muster any Posts personally. Two Posts have been mustered since December 31, 1902, Post No. 460 of Saugatuck was mustered February 9, 1903, Col. B. D. Pritchard, by request, being detailed to muster the Post. Chas. Price Post No. 405 was mustered by Comrade Robert Anderson of Post 127 on May 13th. This Post taking the name and number of the old Post.

The fact that only two Posts have been mustered forcibly reminds us that our Comrades are fast passing away or are too old and feeble to take active interest in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thanking you, Commander, for the honor bestowed and regretting that I have not been able to do more, I am

Yours in F. C. & L.,

WM. W. WHEELER,

Chief Mustering Officer.

There being no recommendations for the Encampment to pass upon, Comrade Hale, Post 307, moved and it was seconded that the report be received and placed on file. Adopted.

The Encampment took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment assembled at 9 a. m., the hour to which it had taken a recess, with the Department Commander in the chair.

The Assistant Adjutant General—I have the report of the Judge Advocate, and also a letter from him announcing the fact that he will not be able to be here.

This is his report:

Union City, Mich., June 3, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to present the following report of the work of this office for the past year:

No matters of vital importance to the Department and no matters requiring action of the Department Encampment have been before the Judge Advocate. The few cases that have been submitted were of minor importance, and in most of the cases no questions were involved which are of importance to the Encampment or general membership of the Department.

I assume that whatever action has been taken in the particular cases has been satisfactory to Comrades concerned as I have heard of no appeals.

So far as known to me the Department is in a condition of entire harmony and been so fraternally during the entire year.

Through you I wish to thank the Department Commander for the honor bestowed, and all the officers of the Department and the many Comrades whom I have met during the year for kind and courteous treatment.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

M. A. MERRIFIELD,

Judge Advocate.

Comrade Foote—Commander, in the report just read there is nothing to pass upon, and I move you that it be accepted and not referred to a committee.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Kanitz—If the Comrades will bear with me, I wish to make a statement to you. There are a great many Comrades who have come here to attend the Encampment and transact such business as may properly come before it, but they also have obligations at home, and they wish to get home as soon as possible, and also to participate in the election of officers. Would it not be well to fix the hour for the election of officers this morning at 9:30, and proceed until we get through, so Comrades who wish to go home on the 11 o'clock train can do so? I move you that we fix the hour for the election of officers at 9:30.

Seconded and carried unanimously.

Comrade Kelley, Post 32—I desire to hand the Adjutant a communication. It is a resolution inviting the Grand Army of the Republic to meet next year at Battle Creek. I understand there is scarcely any opposition here. I therefore move that the rules be suspended, and that we now proceed to fix the place of our next Encampment.

Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the communication from Battle Creek, which was as follows:

June 5, 1903.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, Michigan Encampment,  
Muskegon, Michigan.

Gentlemen—The Mayor and Common Council of the city of Battle Creek take great pleasure in extending to the Grand Army of the Republic an invitation to hold their next annual encampment in this city.

Battle Creek, the "Queen City of Michigan," will put forth every effort to make your next encampment, should you decide to hold the same here, one never to be forgotten. We have every facility to offer by way of accommodations, railroad connections, etc. We respectfully urge the acceptance of this invitation.

Very respectfully yours,

FRED H. WEBB,  
Mayor.

GEO. W. HAMM,  
City Recorder.

Comrade Kelley—I now move you that the rules be suspended, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Battle Creek as the place of our next meeting.

Seconded, and carried unanimously, and the Assistant Adjutant General having cast one ballot for Battle Creek for the place of the next meeting of the Encampment, and it was declared to have been so selected.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—I desire at this time to present a resolution, and I take this opportunity of so doing before the election of officers, in order that all the Comrades present may hear it and vote upon it before the election of officers and before any Comrades retire. It is an important resolution, as I believe you will think after you have heard it:

WHEREAS, We recognize and esteem the splendid war record of Comrade John C. Black of Illinois, who rose from private soldier in April, 1861, to Brev. Brigadier General in August, 1866; and whose service began at Romney, W. Va. while in the three months service, and in the three year service continued in the Army of the Frontier, at Parlie Grove and Pea Ridge; the siege of Vicksburg; the storming of Blakely and Mobile campaign; and closed after the rebellion had collapsed, in Sheridan's army along the Rio Grande, that enforced respect for and obedience to the Monroe doctrine; and

WHEREAS, Having returned to the walks of civil life, shattered in limbs and with sadly impaired health, but with an intensified spirit of patriotism, loyalty and love for his comrades, Comrade Black has ever since then been in the foremost rank of the champions of the veteran soldiers of the great war, in action and in speech. As a member of Congress, as Commissioner of Pensions, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Home for disabled volunteer soldiers, as United States District Attorney, as Commander of the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Soldiers' Home, and as President of the Illinois Vicksburg Commission, he has had grand opportunities and he has always shown himself faithful to every trust and to the best interests of his Comrades; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Illinois has unanimously and by a rising vote declared Comrade John C. Black to be its choice for Commander-in-Chief of our Order to be presented at the National Encampment to be held at San Francisco next August, and has invited the Department of Michigan to join in his support; and

WHEREAS, The Departments of Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, California, Alabama, Arkansas and Virginia and North Carolina have in their recently held Encampments declared Comrade John C. Black of Illinois to be their candidate for Commander-in-Chief and directed

their delegates and representatives to vote for him at San Francisco; be it

*Resolved*, by the Department of Michigan in its Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment Assembly in the City of Muskegon, that the delegates and representatives of this Department in attendance upon the National Encampment at San Francisco, be, and they are hereby, instructed to support the candidacy of Comrade Black and to assist every honorable endeavor to elect him.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Comrade Bliss—I am very much pleased to hear that resolution presented to our Department. I want to say a word for Comrade Black. Comrade Black I personally know. When we went to Portland, Maine, I was a member of a party in which were General and Mrs. Black, and I learned to love him and respect him. He is a very able, worthy gentleman, and a man that, according to his military record is one that we all ought to be proud of. He is very much crippled up by wounds, and impaired in health by the effects of those wounds. He was one of our Commissioners of Pensions, and I think there is no one can say but what he did his work loyally and faithfully. I speak not only for myself, but I am in hopes that our Department will endorse Comrade Black. I do not know of any other candidate before the different Departments at the present time for Commander-in-Chief. He has been a candidate before, but the time has come that we should recognize and elect Comrade Black for Commander-in-Chief at San Francisco. I hope Michigan will endorse him.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Department Commander—The next in order will be the report of the Committee on Soldiers' Home and Women's Annex. The Assistant Adjutant General will read the report, Col. Dean not being able to be present.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the report of the committee, which was as follows:

Ann Arbor, June 5, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade—The committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, respectfully report that Friday, May 22d, was fixed as the day upon which to





**GEO. W. STONE,**  
**Department Inspector, G. A. R.**

make the visit, but unfortunately the serious illness of the wife of Comrade John Northwood and an imperative and unexpected call upon Comrade O. A. Janes prevented two of the members from going to Grand Rapids on the day named. The other members of the committee arrived unannounced at the Home at 8:30 a. m., and remained there until 5:00 p. m., May 22d, and spent the day looking over the various departments and the grounds of the institution. The grounds are beautifully kept, and in their spring dress are very attractive. The hospitals and kitchens are clean and neat. The food ample, of good quality, well cooked and properly served. That the surgeon in charge, his assistants and nurses are attentive and considerate in the discharge of their duties, is the verdict of the members, and the general condition of the Hospitals substantiate this verdict. In the entire institution there is a general air of good discipline, but not the least appearance of despotism in the management of the Home, and these appearances are corroborated by the expressions of the members of the institution.

The Women's Building furnishes a comfortable home for the loyal women to whom we owe so much for their services during the dark hours of the War of the Rebellion. Under the efficient and considerate management of Mrs. Rutherford, widow of our lamented Past Department Commander, the declining years of these noble women are made more pleasant and their downward pathway smoothed.

If efficient and economical management, earnest and patriotic devotion to duty, entitles a commandant to commendation, Col. Geo. E. Judd has earned the right to receive it. In every department of the institution thorough business methods prevail, which is equivalent to saying that nothing is wasted and the best use is made of all supplies furnished by the State. There is little room for suggestions from your Committee. The rooms in the Women's Building are furnished by individuals, Relief Corps, and Posts. In some of these rooms, from constant use the carpets have become badly worn and should be replaced by new ones, but your Committee feel assured that all that will be necessary to remedy these conditions is to call the attention of those who ask the privilege to care for these rooms and minister to the comfort of the women who sacrificed and endured so much from '61 to



'65. Your Committee hardly feel it necessary to call attention to the necessity for a careful and judicious trimming out of the beautiful woods surrounding the Soldiers' Home—this will suggest itself to each member of the efficient and conscientious Board of Managers. Another matter will suggest itself to the Board of Managers, viz; a better means of escape in case of fire from the third floor of the Women's Building, on which floor is located the Hospital.

In conclusion your Committee are proud to say that in her care for the men who gave their best years to the defense of their country, as in the struggle for the maintenance of the Union, Michigan has done her duty.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

O. A. JANES.

JOHN NORTHWOOD.

H. S. DEAN.

Comrade Tomlinson—There being no recommendations in the report, I move you that the report as read be accepted and adopted by the Encampment.

Seconded.

Comrade Atkinson, Post 17—I move as an amendment that it be referred to a committee, and take its usual course.

The Department Commander—It is not proper to refer it to a committee. It should be either adopted or rejected.

Comrade Atkinson—I have something I want to say about the Soldiers' Home. I don't want to take up the time. I insist on my right to present my views about the Soldiers' Home, and I ask that it be deferred until the election of officers. There are a good many things that ought to be said about the Soldiers' Home.

Comrade Devlin, Post 17—I move that the report do lie on the table.

Seconded and carried.

The Department Commander—The hour has arrived for the Special Order of business—the election of officers. What is your pleasure?

Comrade Davis—I move that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes each.

It was moved as an amendment that the nominating speeches be limited to three minutes each, which was ac-

cepted and seconded, and the motion prevailed, unanimously.

Comrade Bellair, Post 5—Isn't it necessary to have the districts meet before this? How are you going to proceed with the election of delegates to the National Encampment? I think the proper way would be to adjourn and give the different delegations a chance to recommend candidates.

The Department Commander—That probably will be the way when we arrive at that order.

Comrade Phillips—I move you that the speeches seconding nominations be confined to one minute of time.

Seconded, and carried.

The Department Commander—If there is no objection, the Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll for nominations by districts for Department Commander.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll of the Encampment by districts, and the following nominations were made for Department Commander:

Comrade McGrath, Post 384, nominated Comrade Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384. Seconded by Comrades White, Post 202; Howard, Post 147; Stone, Post 42; Feige, Post 38; Kaywood, Post 48; Devlin, Post 17.

Comrade Tomlinson, Post 269, nominated Comrade Benjamin D. Pritchard, Post 56. Seconded by Comrades Corey, Benzonia; Seals, Post 14; Hicock, Post 302; Comstock, Post 1; Burton, Post 56; Weston, Post 111; Smith, Post 82; Durfee, Post 24; Harrington, Post 59; Lauback, Post 337; Perry, Post 73.

Comrade Gardner, Post 48, nominated Comrade D. B. K. VanRaalte of Post 262. Seconded by Comrades Prim, Post 156; and Comrade Kanitz, Post 7.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318, nominated Comrade Stephen H. Mallery, Post 382.

The nomination of Comrade VanRaalte was seconded by Comrades Brown, Post 279; Turner, Post 109; Wooster, Post 5; Andrews, Post 72; Lewis, Post 145; Bennett, Post 7; Schneider, Post 42; Morse, Post 173; Fenton, Post 5; Chase, Post 126; Childs, Post 441; Ward, Post 145, and a number of others.

The nomination of Comrade Mallery was seconded by Comrade Davis, Post 17, and a number of others.

The nomination of Comrade Pritchard was seconded by Comrade Dunc, Post 46.

The nominations having been closed, the following tellers were appointed: Comrades William Davy, Post 17; John W. McGrath, Post 5; L. L. Burton, Post 56; John Devlin, Post 433; W. W. Cook, Post 42.

A vote was taken for Department Commander, and pending its counting, the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Pond, from the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following:

Commander and Comrades—Your Committee on Resolutions desire to submit the following:

**WHEREAS**, The members of the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, are now enjoying one of the largest and most pleasant gatherings in the history of our Order in Michigan; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That to the citizens of Muskegon for their unlimited hospitality, and to the committee of arrangements who have had in charge the planning and executing of the numerous details of work which have made our visit to their beautiful city of patriotic lessons in bronze, one of continuous and unalloyed delight, and to the officials of the city, whose welcome to our Comrades evidenced their full wish that the veteran soldier should know that the "open door policy" prevailed during this Encampment, we hereby tender our acknowledgments and sincere gratitude, and in recording this expression of our recognition of the great efforts so successfully put forth for the comfort and pleasure of us all, we give assurance that in our album of memories, this visit to Muskegon will have a place most choice.

To our Comrades of Phil Kearney Post No. 7 for their untiring and successful efforts to make the arrangements for the Encampment a success, we extend our hands with a Comrade's "God bless you."

To the officers of the day and guards who have so faithfully performed their duties at our outposts, we extend sincere thanks.

Fraternally,

C. V. R. POND, Chairman,  
P. H. McBRIDE,  
M. C. BARNEY.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Allen, Post 132, from the Committee on the Address of the Department Commander, reported as follows:

To the Encampment:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander respectfully report:

That they have considered the same and congratulate the Encampment upon the manner in which the affairs of the Department are presented to it.

We heartily endorse all the Commander has said as to the efficiency of the Woman's Relief Corps.

We do not agree with the Commander as to the desirability of having associate members of Posts, and believe that the Grand Army of the Republic should remain entirely distinct from all associations with persons who cannot know the tie that binds old soldiers together.

We cheerfully endorse the recommendation that a suitable memorial be erected to the memory of General Custer, but do not see that the Department has the means to carry it out, and that it is properly a State matter.

We concur in the other recommendations of the Commander.

Very respectfully,

E. M. ALLEN,  
W. F. ATKINSON,  
LOUIS KANITZ,  
M. BROWN,  
B. R. PIERCE,

Committee.

The Committee on Report of the Quartermaster General made the following report:

Muskegon, Mich., June 10, 1903.

To the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of Assistant Quartermaster General C. D. Blanchard for the past year, most respectfully report:

That they have compared the itemized report submitted by the Quartermaster General with his receipts and vouchers and have found them to correspond in every detail. Your Committee endorses the recommendation of the Quartermaster General that the Alger Fund be al-

lowed to remain in the Marquette Co. Savings Bank until the expiration of the year on September 30, 1903, in order to obtain the increased interest from three to four per cent.

Your Committee cannot speak in too high terms of the beautiful and systematic manner in which the accounts of the Quartermaster General have been kept.

EDWARD S. JAMESON,  
HERBERT A. BACKUS,  
JOS. O. BELLAIRE,  
Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

Comrade Fenton presented the report of the Executive Committee, Council of Administration, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
MUSKEGON, MICH., JUNE 9, 1903. }

We have this day examined the accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General and find as follows:

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

We find he has received from Assistant Quartermaster General Orin Bump, of general fund, balance.....		\$1,559 32
From Assistant Adjutant General.....		3,172 82
Accumulated interest on same.....		26 00
Total general fund.....		\$4,758 14
We find he has expended from this fund, showing proper vouchers therefor.....		3,267 60
Leaving balance on hand, general fund.....		\$1,490 54
Received Alger fund.....		\$967 72
Accumulated interest from last year.....		14 51
Total on hand, Alger fund.....		\$982 23

Now on interest in the Marquette Savings Bank at four per cent. If left there until September 30, 1903, (1 year) which would add to this fund \$39.29 making the sum total Alger Fund \$1,021.52.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. B. FENTON,  
C. E. FOOTE,  
O. TOMLINSON,  
Ex. Committee, C. of A.

Report was adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Department Inspector made the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

Muskegon, Mich., June 10, 1903.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade—The Committee to whom was referred the report of Comrade Geo. W. Stone, Department Inspector, beg leave to submit the following. The report shows the Department Inspector's care and thoughtfulness in the discharge of his duties and we respectfully recommend that the report as submitted be accepted and adopted.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
SEYMOUR FOSTER,  
ALBERT DUNHAM,  
Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Senior Vice Department Commander made the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

Muskegon, Mich., June 11, 1903.

Department Encampment G. A. R.:

Commander and Comrades—We the Committee to whom you referred the Senior Vice Commander's report, have carefully examined the same and recommend its adoption.

D. S. HOWARD,  
H. A. BACKUS,  
H. B. WHITE  
Committee.

Comrade White presented the report of the Committee on Department Chaplain's report, which was as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 11, 1903.

Department Michigan, G. A. R.:

Comrades—Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the Chaplain's report and would recommend its adoption.

H. S. WHITE,  
D. S. HOWARD,  
MELVIN STILSON.

Comrade White—I wish to remark in connection with that report, many points that are suggested in the report, if adopted by the Posts and carried out faithfully, will add greatly to the interest of the reports, to the great benefit of the Grand Army of the State. I move its adoption.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Foote—The Committee on Legislation report as follows:

A resolution was passed at the last Encampment as follows:

*"Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation, when appointed, be requested to consider what legislation can and ought to be provided for the inauguration of suitable decoration services on Memorial Day in communities where no Grand Army Posts exist, and to report their recommendation to the next State Encampment."*

Your Committee respectfully reports that they have no recommendation to make at this time; that if the communities included within the resolution have not sufficient patriotism to see to it that the soldiers' graves are suitably decorated on Memorial Day, that we know of no legislation that can be enacted to compel them to decorate.

I move the adoption of that report.

Seconded and carried. So the report was adopted.

Comrade Foote also read the report of the Legislative Committee appointed by General Orders No. 2.

The report is as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 9, 1903.

To the Michigan Department of G. A. R. in Encampment assembled at Muskegon, Mich., June 10, 1903:

Department Commander—Your Legislative Committee appointed by General Orders No. 2, current series, charged with the special mission of urging upon the Governor and the Legislature an appropriation for the early publication and distribution of an individual record of all Michigan soldiers and sailors in the Civil War, begs leave to herewith offer the following report:

Your Committee convened at Lansing in December, 1902, and conferred with Governor Bliss, urging upon him the favorable recommendation in his inaugural message to the Legislature of an appropriation for the publication and distribution of such record. This request met the approval of the Governor, and the appropriation was duly recommended in his message. Early in January after the assembling of the Legislature, your Committee again convened at Lansing and prepared a bill duly covering our purpose, and after a thorough canvass of the officers of the Legislature and the Civil War veterans who were members, your Committee secured two Comrades of the G. A. R., viz.: Senator Ellery C. Cannon of the Senate, and Representative Nathan V. Lovell of the House, who each introduced a copy of the bill in their respective house. Your Committee then memorialized the Legislature in a memorial, which was published in the House Journal of January 29th, in which we appealed for the justice of our cause, and for an early and favorable consideration of our bill, which we subsequently emphasized before the different committees of the Legislature, before whom we secured hearings.

The Senate bill, introduced by Senator Cannon, was taken up first and passed by the Senate and was favorably reported by the House Military committee, but on reaching the House Ways and Means Committee, it was held up for a long time by the chairman, who finally reported out a substitute bill, which was found wholly impracticable and would have been inoperative, had it passed in that form; however, your Committee finally succeeded—through the influential aid and tactful management of Senator Cannon—in getting the substitute bill so



amended as to make it an operative measure in case no unlooked for obstacles should develop during the progress of the work, but the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House insisted on such restrictive and arbitrary classification of the work, in the provisions for the disbursement of the appropriation, that it is not at all improbable that the Adjutant General's Department will be so hampered, in certain contingencies—which are very liable to arise in a work of such magnitude—as to compel a suspension of the work before it is half completed, and await an enabling act of a future Legislature. But it was the best that could be obtained, so that your Committee accepted the bill in that form rather than fail to get anything. This bill was then concurred in by the Senate, and signed by the Governor on May 26, 1903, and has thus become a law which goes into effect ninety days after the close of the present session of the Legislature.

Your Committee desire to herewith put on record its grateful thanks to the Governor, and to his Assistant Adjutant General, George H. Turner, for his valuable aid in the preparation of the bill, and in making the preliminary estimates, and to the influential aid of G. A. R. Comrades in the Senate and House, to all of whom, we recommend a vote of thanks by this Encampment.

A copy of the printed memorial to the Legislature, and of the act passed in pursuance thereto, is filed with this report, which is herewith respectfully submitted to the consideration and approval of this Encampment, and your Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. FOOTE,  
F. SCHNEIDER,  
A. MILNES,  
Committee.

Report unanimously adopted.

The following is the memorial presented to the Legislature by the Committee:

Lansing, Mich., January 26, 1903.

**Memorial to the House of Representatives:**

Referring to House bill No. 104, introduced by Representative Nathan V. Lovell, which provides for the publication and distribution of regimental histories, giving the individual war record in alphabetical order, of soldiers and sailors from Michigan in the great Civil War of 1861-1865; the Legislative Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan, appointed to prepare and urge the early passage of aforesaid bill, having been asked what reason there was for the passage of such bill, and what purpose would be subserved thereby, begs leave to respectfully submit to your honorable body the following brief memorial for the information of the Michigan Legislature:

**MEMORIAL.**

The great Civil War in which the Michigan troops bore such a very honorable part as to achieve national distinction for valor, and gallantry in action in many desperate battles; in which great struggle for liberty and the preservation of National Union, so much individual heroism and patriotic spirit was developed, will ever stand forth in the history of this country as the greatest epoch of modern times, and the supreme crucial test of our people for national self-government.

The final and successful termination of this long and bloody struggle for national unity made possible the subsequent great development of the resources and power of the republic. So that every individual who served honorably and faithfully in that great life struggle for national existence, is entitled to the gratitude of his State, and is justified to point with honest pride to his individual record which it is the duty of this now great State of Michigan to officially ascertain, certify, declare and publish.

In 1879 and supplemented in 1881—sixteen years after the war—the Legislature authorized Adjutant General Robertson to compile and publish a history “of the services of Michigan regiments, batteries, and companies in the late war.” In pursuance of which, such history is one volume, entitled “Michigan in the War” was subsequently

compiled and published from all official data then obtainable, and such volumes distributed to a limited number. This work, while in many respects an admirable compilation as a general history, was yet a great disappointment to all the rank and file of Michigan veterans, because, with the exception of a brief register of commissioned officers only, no mention whatever is made of the individual record of the rank and file of those who stood on the fiery edge of battle, who rushed through the deadly storms of shrieking shot and shell in the fierce charge upon the enemy's works, bore with fortitude the great sufferings and privations of those four long years of war, those who by their heroism and valor, have shed such great renown and glory upon our State

Since the publication of "Michigan in the War" many heretofore inaccessible facts regarding the individual history of Michigan veterans and regiments in the Civil War, have come to light that have for years lain buried in the archives of the War and Navy Departments of the National Government and in the records of rebel war department, which have now been authentically established, but were previously unobtainable. Much has also since then been done by the Government and the State, that will facilitate the compilation and publication of such an alphabetical and individual record in regimental volumes at this time; so that we are informed by the Adjutant General's department—which has recently made very careful estimates on the subject—that such work can now be prepared for the printer and published at a much smaller expense than formerly, as the Government has recently completed an exhaustive, full and classified record of the Civil War; and abstracts of such records in the War and Navy Departments are now readily furnished on application by the States, which formerly were absolutely refused (see pages 159 to 160 of "Michigan in the War"). A complete alphabetical index of each Michigan veteran of the Civil War, showing what organizations he served in, has been prepared in manuscript form, in the Adjutant General's office, all the Michigan military organizations of the Civil War are alphabetically arranged by companies, regiments and batteries, in manuscript books.

Col. Turner, the present efficient Assistant Adjutant General—himself a distinguished Michigan veteran of the

Civil War and an experienced printer and publisher—has made very careful estimates of the cost of compiling and preparing, and obtained from the State printer and binder an estimate of the cost of publishing the work contemplated by the bill now before you, a summary of which is herewith submitted for your information, as follows:

Estimates furnished by Robert Smith Printing Co., in 1901, for publishing the records of the Civil War by regiments with 500 copies for each regiment.

500 copies, bound and complete, 40 cents per copy with an average of 175 pages.....	\$200
45 regiments at \$200 each.....	9,000
For transcribing records.....	5,000
For proof-reading, comparing, etc.....	2,000
9,000 regimental volumes cost.....	\$16,200

The 100,000 names in the above volumes are estimated then to make six volumes for complete set.

Estimated cost for sets of 6 volumes for library distribution .....	\$3,800
	\$16,200
Total .....	\$20,000

The generation that has come after the veteran of the Civil War is fast reaching middle life, and is showing an increasing interest in the history of that great struggle and incidentally in the part their fathers took in that historic epoch.

The old veteran is now frequently asked by his children and friends: "Where can I find the official particulars of your military record in the Civil War?" Alas, he is now compelled to answer, they are buried in the archives of the Adjutant General's department, and the War department. For all practicable convenience of reference and accessibility, or inspiration and instruction to our posterity, they might as well be at the bottom of the sea. Tons of literature have been published, and many costly monuments erected to publish and perpetuate to future generations the name and fame of our great leaders and generals—and no one appreciates this, and reveres such names and their fame more than does the old veteran—but not one dollar has this great State spent in publish-

ing the individual name and fame of the rank and file of its Civil War veterans.

Two years ago a bill of similar import passed the Senate, and was favorably reported in the House, but pigeon-holed by the "Ways and Means" committee on the plea that the necessary expense of such publication could not then be afforded by the State. Since then, through the energetic and successful efforts of the present administration, over \$400,000 have been collected from the General Government on account of old Civil War claims, which until very recently no one ever expected to recover. The plea of the State's poverty is therefore no longer admissible, and this Legislature can well afford to appropriate from this large war claim collection the modest sum asked for in the bill before you, and thus finally accomplish a long delayed act of justice to the Civil War veteran, and thus erect to him a more enduring monument than can ever be done in stone.

So generally has the merit and justice of this subject been admitted by other states that all of Michigan's neighboring states and many eastern states, have already published elaborate editions of the individual and alphabetical records of their civil war veterans, of which complete sets are now on file in the Adjutant General's office of this State, an inspection of which we commend to your honorable committee.

The bill before you has also been submitted to the Governor for suggestions, and has met with his entire approval in the form now before you. As will be perceived, the bill also contemplates the issuing of complete sets of such work when published, to State, city and school libraries, for the convenient reference of the public generally.

We also beg to submit to your consideration a certified copy of a resolution in support of this measure which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic, at its annual Encampment held at Pontiac June 11 and 12, 1902. See also page 70, official record of published proceedings of Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment Department of Michigan, G. A. R. held at Pontiac June 11 and 12, 1902, which can be referred to at the Headquarters of the G. A. R. in the Capitol. Also our credentials as to our appointment as a Legislative Committee on behalf of said body, charged with the preparation of a bill and the urging of its early passage by the Legisla-

ture, and its recommendation and approval by the Governor. All of which is most respectfully submitted to your favorable consideration and for your information.

FREDERICK SCHNEIDER, of

G. A. R. Committee on Legislation.

Late Col. of 2d Mich. V. V. Infantry.

All of which is earnestly supported by the associated members of said Committee, Hon. C. E. Foote of Kalamazoo, and Hon. Alfred Milnes of Coldwater.

The memorial was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The act referred to in this report and memorial is published in this Journal with other laws affecting the veterans of the State. See page 162.

The result of the first ballot for Department Commander was announced, and was as follows:

	Votes.
Comrade Pritchard received.....	125
Comrade Van Raalte received.....	196
Comrade Mallery received.....	41
Comrade Hopkins received.....	28
Junior Vice Commander.....	1
Comrade L. H. Ives.....	2
Total vote .....	393
Necessary to a choice.....	197

No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, a second ballot was taken, pending the counting of which the regular order of business was resumed.

The names of Comrades Pritchard and Hopkins were withdrawn.

Comrade Allen—The Committee on the Commander's Address desire to make a supplemental report which was accidentally omitted from the report just read. The Committee on Commander's Address recommend that the Department appropriate \$35.00 to purchase a suitable badge for the retiring Commander, as has been our custom for many years.

I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Comrade Coffinberry presented and read the report of the Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, which was unanimously adopted.

The report is as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 10, 1903.

Edward C. Anthony, Department Commander:

Comrade—Your Committee on Report of Assistant Adjutant General would beg leave to report as follows: That they have carefully considered said report in detail and find the same to be full and complete on all points covered and would recommend its adoption.

Two items in particular, as referred to in report, we would wish to emphasize and call to the attention of Post officers: First, the amount of relief and charity expended by Posts. We believe that the amounts reported do not cover all such actual amounts as are contributed, and that in some instances and some Posts the amounts are made up personally and with passing the hat, instead of from Post funds, in all such cases the burden often falls on the members who faithfully attend Post meetings, when it should be borne alike by all, and we would recommend that all Posts should have a relief fund.

Second, regarding suspended members. While the number as shown by the report appears large and appalling, yet we would recommend that they be not dropped, but still carried along, while increased efforts may be made by all Posts to get them back into line—the Rules and Regulations provide this may be done, on payment of one year's dues and we believe that many could be induced to return to the Posts if approached in a friendly way by a carefully selected committee from the Post.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. B. COFFINBERRY, Post 5;

J. W. EDDY, Post 7;

A. L. BRYANT, Post 255,

Committee.

Comrade Lawrence—I wish to withdraw Comrade Mallery's name, and to move that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade VanRaalte.

(Cries of "no," "no!")

There being opposition, the nomination was not withdrawn.



**E. S. JAMESON,**  
Chief of Staff, G. A. R.





Comrade Jameson, Post 384—I have the report of the Committee appointed at the Encampment at Pontiac to secure an appropriation for a monument at Andersonville.

To the Officers and Comrades of the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee appointed at the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention at Pontiac, June 12, 1902, to solicit from the State Legislature an appropriation to erect a suitable monument at Andersonville, Georgia, to the memory of the Michigan dead who perished in the Rebel prison pen there, beg leave to report:

That the object sought has been successfully attained. Your Committee report with pride, that they caused to be introduced and unanimously passed by both houses and signed by Comrade, Governor Bliss, a bill carrying an appropriation of \$6,000, of which amount \$500 will be for expenses of the commission engaged in its erection, leaving a net amount of \$5,500 which will go into the construction of the monument.

The commission as named by Governor Bliss embraces two of your Committee, the third member being a lady from the W. R. C., whose grand and noble work in purchasing and beautifying the old prison grounds at Andersonville certainly deserves recognition by a place on the commission. At the same time, those appointed feel deep regret that Comrade J. A. Griffen, who has labored so faithfully for the attainment of this object, should have been the unfortunate one to be left out. The State Legislature subsequent to the passage of the monument bill, passed a bill making an appropriation to convey State officials to receive the monument at the unveiling.

It is believed that arrangements can be made with the railroads that will give a reduced rate to all Comrades who desire to participate and will make an itinerary for the party, taking in Atlanta, Chattanooga and other points of interest en route. Due notice of the event, rates, route, etc., will be furnished Department Commander by the commission who will no doubt notify the Comrades by General Order.

In conclusion, the Committee wish to thank the Posts through the State for their ready response to our circular

petitions sent out, which after filling with signatures they forwarded to their representatives in both houses. These petitions in no uncertain manner expressed the feelings of our citizens on the subject and as one Senator remarked, "We were completely deluged with them." The result being that your Committee comes before you today proud that they have so successfully accomplished your object.

Signed. EDWARD S. JAMESON,  
GEO. W. STONE.

I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded.

Comrade Atkinson—As I understand it, \$5,500 go into the monument; \$4,000 of the people's money is pledged to pay the expenses of some legislators to go down to look at the thing built; an additional appropriation—

Comrade Jameson—A separate bill—has nothing to do at all with our bill. This is for \$6,000; \$500 for the expenses of the committee. I think I understand there is another bill for \$4,000, with which we had nothing to do. I will say this Committee was appointed by the Grand Army a year ago, and that Committee put this bill through. The other bill was put through for a junket, and had nothing to do with any bill presented by the Grand Army. This Committee never represented that bill and knew nothing about it.

Comrade Atkinson—Why is it here?

Comrade Jameson—It isn't; it is a report on the \$6,000 appropriation.

Comrade Atkinson—I would like an explanation.

Comrade Jameson—I can do it in two words. The reason that we embraced it in our report was that we thought a number of the Comrades would like to go, and we wanted to let them know that there was a large party going. We mentioned the fact casually. This Committee knew nothing whatever about it, that this bill was going through. We asked for \$6,000 and the expenses of the commission, and the commission were allowed \$500.

Comrade Atkinson—If any of our Comrades would like to go will their expenses be paid out of the \$4,000?

Comrade Jameson—You will have to ask somebody else.

The report was adopted.

The result of the second ballot for Department Commander was announced as follows:

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	Votes.
Comrade Mallery received.....	41
Comrade Van Raalte received.....	302
Comrade Pritchard received.....	5
Comrade Hopkins received.....	1
Comrade Junior Vice.....	1
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Total .....	358
Necessary to a choice.....	179

Comrade VanRaalte having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared to have been elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander appointed Comrades Hopkins, Pritchard, and Mallery a committee to escort Comrade VanRaalte to the platform.

The committee escorted the Department Commander elect to the platform.

The Department Commander—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Comrade VanRaalte as the Department Commander elect of Michigan for the ensuing year.

Comrade VanRaalte—It is a pleasure to me to look into your loyal faces, and to thank you for this honor conferred upon me. I feel that it is through your kindness and good wishes that I am elected to this position. I can assure you that I appreciate it, because it comes from that patriotic organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, to which no one can belong, unless he has fought in defense of his country and the honor of its flag. Let us endeavor to be true to the great principles of our organization, Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, giving each other the hand of Fraternity, thus showing that we have that same kind of feeling with which we were united on the battle field; that Charity which flows from a loyal heart, thus showing to one another that we love each other, and making life pleasant to one another, and entering in that border land from whence no one returns. When we enter that home, God grant that we may be a "Rift of light, a crown of glory that fadeth not."

There is a sentiment which endeavors more or less to place the disloyalty of the South upon the same plane with the loyalty of the North, which aims to make an act of disloyalty less disgraceful. I have no use for such sentiment. It is only a matter of time when history will correct itself and place them in the true light on its

pages as traitors; where your names will become more glorious, more honorable, and you will be known as the patriots that preserved this Nation from destruction.

As we go along through life let us remember ever to be true to each other. Let us remember that we are drawing near the border, so as to make these last days pleasant.

Comrades, you have shown from your loyalty and patriotism that you have appreciated the great sacrifices that the fathers of the Revolutionary War made for us, in order that they should bestow upon us this great heritage, and for eight long years they battled amid hardships and sufferings so great, in order that they and their children might be free, doing it for God and country, to have the right to govern themselves, to have a government by the people and for the people, each recognizing only God the Heavenly Father, as their king. You have been through those trials. You have the honor of being a part of that magnificent army that went out in the sixties in defense of these great privileges for which your forefathers fought. You have preserved these great privileges; you have perpetuated this Union; you have made it a mighty nation—a nation honored, respected and feared. You have made it a governing power among the nations, so that our nation today is honored and respected, not as a nation of war, but as a nation of peace and good will to men. Although mighty in war through this intelligence, and this loyalty and love of country. You have made it possible for this country to be what it is. If it were not for your loyalty and patriotism, we possibly would have no country today. You have been the means of removing the one spot and stain that was upon our noble star spangled banner, the foul blot of slavery. Through your loyalty and your patriotism you have removed it, so that our banner today we can truthfully say floats over an entire free nation. May God grant that the nation may ever be loyal to its country and flag; that it perpetuates this nation; that it may safely guard the great privileges and principles for which you fought, and ever protect Old Glory, remembering that it is sacred, and that it has been baptised with the blood of our noble sons today. This noble flag is a beacon of the world, a beacon of peace, a beacon of light to country, law, humanity; and that this nation may ever remember

that the honor of our country is our honor, and the glory of our flag is our glory, and thus forever allow our beautiful star spangled banner forever to float—

"In Freedom's light, protected by Thy might,  
Great God, our King."

Comrade Hopkins—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have had the honor and the pleasure of knowing your Commander elect for many years—known him as a soldier and as a citizen. He does honor to himself and to the people he represents, wherever he is. I was thinking, perhaps, that Comrades Pritchard and Mallery and myself made a mistake in these latter days that we were not born in Holland. You know we have a man in the White House who is from Holland. He was not born there, but he came from Holland stock. Sometimes a man says that he was born in a certain place. I remember a few years ago I had the privilege of traveling abroad and visited a town with some gentlemen, and at the dinner table one of the gentlemen was discussing the beautiful town and what he saw there, and turned to the landlady and said "I was born here." She says, "Is that so?" "Yes, I was born here about two hundred years ago." That is the way some of us were born in Holland. You have made no mistake today, and I bespeak for your Commander elect the earnest and hearty support of every Grand Army man in the State and personally beg to tender to the Comrades my sincere thanks for their kind expressions to me.

Comrade Pritchard—Comrades, First I desire to return to my friends who have supported me in this pleasant contest today my sincere thanks. I appreciate most thoroughly your action towards me. It is the highest honor that can be returned by one to another. I thank you most heartily and sincerely from the bottom of my heart for your loyalty. I was not born in Holland, but we had a fine Holland contingent in the country in which I lived and from which I come, with whose history I have been thoroughly acquainted for the last forty or fifty years. I desire to say to my friend who has been successful here today that it is the first time that I have ever been required to surrender. I do so as gracefully as I know how, and with a feeling of the deepest gratitude in

my heart. I assure you and pledge to our friend who has been successful here today as thorough loyalty to his administration as he gave to the country in the dark hours of the Rebellion. My friends, the time is not appropriate to make any lengthy remarks, but I wish to say just a few words to you. It is this: that the opportunity which you and I had will never occur again on earth. It is an opportunity that can never be given to man. The issue which we had before us was entirely different from the battle that was fought by our forefathers in the War of the Revolution. They simply sought separation from a monarchical power, an independent country; but that great principle and everything else underlying a free republican government and the rights of citizens was not settled by that war. But it fell to your lot and those associated with you to settle that question. Until it was settled, there was no permanency for the Republic. The question was squarely up, the issue was clearly and thoroughly made. It was a question between slavery and freedom, a question between right and wrong. On your side of this contest was the right. The right was on our side and the wrong was on theirs. We fought for universal freedom against universal slavery over one element of our country. We fought for the preservation of our country; they fought for its destruction. That was the difference in the contest. I would like to enlarge on this idea, but I will not take your time.

I thank you, my friends, everyone that has supported me, and bespeak loyalty to our present Commander, which I know he will have from every one of you. I thank you.

Comrade Mallery—I think I find myself today very much in the position of the young man who went out to see his best girl. When he got out to her home he found another fellow there before him. Like a good boy, he fetched everything, all his troubles and all his joys, to his mother, and he went home and was saying to his mother there was another fellow there when he got there. His mother says, "My boy, what do you think of it?" "I just simply think I wasn't in it." That is the situation that I find myself in today; simply that I wasn't in it. Now, Comrades, I have some friends in the Department of Michigan, and they have stood by me very nobly. You have my sincere thanks. You comrades here who have supported me and those who have opposed me, I wish

to say to you, Comrades, that I believe you have done the right thing just at the right time, in supporting and electing Comrade VanRaalte to this position of Department Commander. I wish to say to my friends who have been my friends and supported me in this campaign, that I want you to take home those little ribbon badges as a relic of a lost cause. More than that, I want you to go home and pledge yourselves as I do today, my whole strength, wherever I am, wherever I am placed as a Grand Army man, I am ready to place my shoulder to the wheel to support Comrade VanRaalte in this administration from start to finish. I will not take your time to make a long speech. I thank you for the recognition I received at your hands.

The Department Commander—The next in order will be the election of a Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Kanitz nominated Comrade S. A. Aldrich, Post 7. Seconded by Comrade Godulf, Post 294.

There being no further nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Aldrich, and he was declared to have been duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Aldrich—It is no time make a speech if I could make one, so from the bottom of my heart I thank you one and all for this high honor conferred.

The next thing in order being the nomination and election of a Junior Vice Department Commander, the following nominations were made:

Comrade Allen nominated Comrade E. S. Jameson, Post 384.

Comrade Barney, Post 45, nominated Comrade H. H. Collins, Howell.

Comrade Melburn, Post 111, nominated Comrade W. D. Brainard, Post 111.

The nomination of Comrade Jameson was seconded by Comrades Bellair, Post 5, and Chase, Post 126.

The nomination of Comrade Brainard was seconded by Comrades Ives, Post 53; Horan, Post 111; Shattuck, Post 42; Calkins, Post —; Leet, Post 60.

The nomination of Comrade Collins was supported by Comrade Turner, Post 105; Comrade Richardson, Post 365.

It being announced that a committee from the ladies of



the G. A. R. was in waiting, Comrades Bliss, VanRaalte, Pritchard and Barney were appointed a committee to escort the ladies to the platform.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

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### Memorium.

WHEREAS, Since last as Comrades we assembled in Annual Department Encampment, death has removed from our midst our Comrade and Past Department Commander Chas. D. Long; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That while we, in submissive spirit, bow to the Divine will in the removal from our midst of Comrade Long, we also desire to give expression to the intenseness of our loss. The genial spirit which was Comrade Long's made his comradeship a fact of love of one for another. In his battle for the principle of justice in the matter of pensions, Comrade Long was indefatigably earnest and his brain was supported by his money in the defense he made of his Comrade's pension rights.

He is gone, but he can never be forgotten by us his Comrades;

*Resolved*, That a memorial page be placed in the Journal of the proceedings of this Encampment to the memory of Comrade Long and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased Comrade by the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department.

Fraternally,

C. V. R. POND,  
P. H. McBRIDE,  
M. C. BARNEY.

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The regular order of business being suspended, the committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. were escorted to the platform.

The Department Commander—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Baber, who is chairman of this committee:

Mrs. Baber—Department Commander and Comrades of the Grandest Army in the world—I think you will say I have the right to call you Comrade when I tell you that when I look to the South, I look to where three brothers lie in soldiers' graves. They were all I had to give, but had I a dozen and Old Glory was in danger, I would give them up a willing sacrifice to save this grand old Union from disgrace. Comrades, we Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic love the Grand Army, and we love the flag for which you offered your lives. And while you were fighting in the South, we the mothers, wives, and sisters, were at home working and praying for your success and safe return home. Therefore, Comrades, while we belong to you by reason of our kinship, we are just that much more loyal to you and your work for we always honor that for which we have to make sacrifice, and the greater the sacrifice, the greater the love. During the year that has passed since we met in Pontiac, many "boys in blue" have answered to the last roll call, and the time is not long that we may meet together like this and we should each try to make these meetings enjoyable. Our department has organized three new circles the past year, making a total of twenty-five circles with a membership of 800, an increase of over 100 the past year. We have given for relief over \$400.00. We have furnished a room at the Woman's Annex at Soldiers' Home. Have several prospective circles that we expect to organize soon. Our "baby" circle is only seven days old, and is called Wm. T. Sherman Circle No. 25 of Muskegon. The department also sent \$10.00 to the G. A. R. Home in Philadelphia. As I have two Sisters with me who just love to talk, I will have to stop or it will not be safe for me to return to our convention with them.

The Department Commander—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Chelson.

Mrs. Chelson—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—It gives me pleasure to look upon your faces this morning, to be one of the committee to extend the greet-

ings of our Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We feel that we are in close touch with you and all your work, for we love the work and we love you as ours. In looking over this assembly I see many gray-haired men, some of whom remind me of days of suffering. I feel that I am a patriotic woman if ever any one was. I was only three days old when my father went to the army, of course I gave my consent, but no doubt I cried when he was gone. I am thankful my father could go. I am thankful that I had a father to give his services to my country. I love that dear old flag. As our sister chairman has said, we would sacrifice all we have for that dear old flag; we would sacrifice until we had nothing left. So I say again, we love the Grand Army of the Republic. We are devoted to our country. We are anxious with your co-operation to teach the children patriotism. Pardon me if I am personal, but I would like to relate a little incident that occurred Decoration Day at our own home. We observed Decoration Day. I have a little fellow who is only four years old. My neighbor has a little fellow of the same age, and I asked them if they would kindly remove their hats as the Grand Army were passing my house. I didn't know how these little fellows would carry it out in their childish way. By the time the Grand Army came those little fellows had gotten out on the block. They each had to have a flower. My little fellow stood with his flower up. When the stars and stripes came by them he removed his hat and stood until they had passed. To this day he will call it "McKinley," because he don't know anything different. The first he knew of the stars and stripes was in connection with McKinley. We told him McKinley was our President, so he always calls it "McKinley." So those old soldiers—we have many of them that are Comrades in our Post—lifted their hats to that little fellow, and tears ran down their cheeks. They afterwards spoke about it. Why can't we have more children that will honor us and recognize us? It is our duty as mothers and fathers to teach our children complete patriotism—not half patriotism, but complete observance of Decoration Day. I am sorry to say that in many places we hear of a dance, or a game of ball, in connection with Decoration Day. It is a shame, it is a shame. Last year at our memorial exercises—we always have grand exercises and the citizens turn out in a body, and so do the Ladies'

Circle, and we went to the park, and in the very town hall that we all own as a township was a dance. We felt it an outrage, and one of our Comrades took it upon himself to rise in public that day and denounce it as a shame and a disgrace to our Post. We all cheered him for it. It was right. This year there was nothing of the kind. We were able to influence the public to keep those things out. If those things occur in connection with our Memorial Day, our children are not properly taught. Let us do what we can to close those things out, that the whole nation may give a day to the memory of our departed and lost ones. We have with us our National President who will be much more entertaining than I, so I will not take more time.

Mrs. Sickafuss—I was here last year and I was very hoarse, but I am going to try today to make you hear me, so I did not blame you for not listening when I came here. When I speak to you, I would like you to hear. I haven't very much to say, only to bring to you the greetings of our Women of the G. A. R.—your mothers, sisters, wives and nieces, and all women of blood kin. As I told you last year, my husband was a soldier, and I am glad that I am the wife of a soldier, and I am glad to meet you this year in this beautiful town. I am glad you have such a city. You have elected a man who lives in our town. I have insisted, and insisted whenever I have met the convention that you should honor him, and I loved you more than ever when I saw you go through the streets the other day after you had done this splendid thing. Don't you know you have done such splendid things for this government. The speakers last night told you what that was, saved our flag. And when I look upon the old soldiers I always say, "God bless you who saved the old flag." You who helped save it, you did this splendid thing. We want you to go on in peace and joy and good health, leaving these honorable things back of you, creating in the hearts of all a feeling of patriotism. I will not say any more, only God bless you.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Anna Auth.

Mrs. Auth—Comrades of the Grand Army, the grandest organization in the world, I come to you this morning feeling that I ought to bow my head to you, I feel that being presented to the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan is a greater honor than to be presented to all

the crowned heads of Europe. I represent the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we proudly bring to you the greetings from Maine to California, from the east to the west and north to the south, and bid you God speed in your noble work. There is something about the Grand Army that no other organization contains. I feel it as I travel up and down the country in the interest of my organization, that of your mother, your wife, your sister, daughter, grand daughter, and blood kin. We are so proud that we have that privilege. We are so grateful that you made it possible that this nation might live for them. Wherever any human being lives under the flag, they are free. You made it Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the boys of '61 and '65. I had a brother, and he didn't come back. The very bud and blossom of our boys went from West Virginia—Virginia it was then. I might say that I come from West Virginia because we were loyal. My husband and my brother were soldiers. My brother was a soldier; his remains are somewhere in the southland; my father and I tried to find him, we wandered up and down the mountains after the flag and wherever we could proceed, but we never could find his remains. It was a great grief to me. Then I had other great griefs. We suffered during those days of '61 and '65. For two years I was in Europe and we passed through a great many countries. We finally got up into the little republic of Switzerland. I met a great tall Sweitzer, and he was very old, and he saw the silken flag on my bosom which you made it possible for me to wear, and he looked at it. He could only speak two words in English. He said "McKinley," "Amereeka!" And he was so proud he wanted to love me, because I was an American, because I could wear the flag you made it possible for me to wear. We went down to Paris and went to the Exposition. In that Exposition I saw the bust of Lincoln in the color of bronze, the color of the race whom he made free. We had Americans, we had other figures in gold and silver. Lincoln didn't have a flag, but I had quite a number with me, and I placed a flag so that he would be decorated with the flag that he loved so well. On the Fourth of July we were yet there, and we went to the grave of Lafayette, and we took a bunch of American Beauties and a silken flag and laid them on his grave, after having a little service. We

sang the old Doxology and "My Country 'tis of Thee." We thought we were a part of the Grand Army while we were in Europe, and we were.

Away back in the war the organization which I represent, the mothers, suffered. They had sacrifices to make, many while you were down at the front. I remember perfectly well a mother who, after her day's work was done, sat down to rest, and she would take up the paper, and she read down the long line of names of the dead and wounded, and among them was her dead boy, and I still hear that cry of anguish that pierced that midnight air. Her boy would not come back again. She was a mother. Then again I saw in our city a wife, and she called her little family around her, "Your father is dead." The mothers and the wives and the sisters did a great deal toward this work, toward this flag which you saved. We are so grateful that we can teach patriotism as we do in the public schools. It even would not be desecration for the church to hold services in honor of our flag. I am so glad we have the privilege of teaching patriotism; I am so glad it was you that saved the flag for us; I am so glad that there is a Grand Army. A great many who were among the boys of '61 and '65 are not in the Grand Army. They ought to be in the Grand Army. We, the wives and mothers, sisters, daughters, ex-army nurses, are honored and in our organization are so proud if we are of any help to you. We want to do all we can to exalt the Grand Army and make it matchless of all organizations. We want you to stand first—we want to do everything we can to build the Grand Army up.

I went with your Commander-in-Chief, Thomas J. Stewart, as his guest. I have traveled in my time with Sunday school conventions, with church people, with temperance people, and all kinds of people, and I must say that the Grand Army of the Republic is the best of them all, for they are the most congenial party I ever traveled with. I was with your Commander-in-Chief when he was in the South. His wife was with him in all his travels. A good, dear woman she is. She traveled with us to Custar. We went into the reception and saw the Commander-in-Chief. "Oh," says the Commander-in-Chief, and he walked down to me, "I am so glad I feel like kissing you." I said, "Commander-in-Chief, you

couldn't kiss me, but I will kiss your wife, and she can kiss you."

The Ladies of the Grand Army do love you; we want to do the very best we can. We are your friend, you are ours. We claim you, because you are what you are. I thank you for your attention. God bless your organization.

The Department Commander—Ladies for the Department of Michigan I thank you for your very kind greetings. The Comrades will pin the badges upon the ladies.

The ladies having retired, the regular order of business was resumed.

The result of the first ballot for Junior Vice Department Commander was announced as follows:

	Votes.
Comrade Jameson received.....	134
Comrade Brainard received.....	106
Comrade Collins received.....	30
Comrade Maynard received.....	1
Total .....	271
Necessary for a choice.....	136

No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, a second ballot was had, and pending its count, the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Hopkins—I am requested by the chairman of the Committee that you appointed to visit the Woman's Relief Corps to say that we have performed that duty. For one, Commander, I want to thank you and the boys here for the honor they conferred upon me, but I knew there was a greater honor coming to me than could be conferred by the boys here, because, as an old bachelor you sent me to convey the greetings of this body to a beautiful lot of ladies, as loyal and true as ever lived.

Comrade Pond—The modesty of Comrade Hopkins prevents him from saying that he carried your greetings to his sister, who was ably presiding over that convention.

Comrade Collins' name was withdrawn as a candidate for Junior Vice Department Commander.

The Committee on the Report of the Junior Vice Department Commander presented its report, which was as follows:



Muskegon, Mich., June 11, 1903.

Department Commander:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander beg leave to submit the following:

First, We have examined the said report and the statute therein mentioned and find the defect in the State law substantially as stated and recommend that the Committee on Legislation appointed by the Department Commander, at the proper time take whatever action may be necessary to remedy said defect.

Second, In reference to that portion of the report dealing with the bill introduced by Comrade and Senator Burrows of Michigan, your Committee deem it unwise to concur in the recommendations of said report for the reason that if said bill becomes a law its operation will result in great loss to the Grand Army of the Republic. It is our judgment that it will greatly reduce its membership.

Third, The button now worn by the Comrades teaches the lesson of patriotism as emphatically as would the emblem furnished under the proposed law.

M. BROWN,  
O. TOMLINSON,  
R. B. DAVIS.

Committee.

The Junior Vice Department Commander—It appears by that report that there had been proposed legislation growing out of the passage of that law in 1897, which has been amended and became a law in 1899. One of the sections of that law provided employment of veteran soldiers, giving them preference in the offices to be filled in the State, municipal and county governments, and one of the sections of that law was this, in substance: that the man must have been a resident of the State for five years and of the county for two years where the proposed employment was to be had. It was recommended in the report of the Junior Vice Commander that such action be taken as might remedy that requirement for two years.

The report was adopted.

The second ballot for Junior Vice Department Commander resulted as follows:

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	Votes.
Comrade Collins received.....	1
Comrade Brainard received.....	55
Comrade Jameson received.....	151
Comrade Tilleson received.....	2
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Total .....	209
Necessary to a choice.....	105

Comrade Jameson having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared to have been elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Recess to 2 p. m.

## SECOND DAY.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Comrade W. W. Root, of Mason, being renominated for Medical Director for the ensuing year, and there being no other candidates, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for him, and he was declared to have been duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade Shattuck, Post 42, nominated Comrade William Putnam for Department Chaplain for the ensuing year, and there being no further nominations, he was duly elected by the ballot of the Assistant Adjutant General, and so declared.

The following Comrades were nominated for members of the Council of Administration: Comrades O. Tomlinson, Post 269; S. M. Kent, Post 5; D. H. Grow, Post 388; Thomas Davey, Post 404; Reuben Quick, Post 87; John Devlin, Post 433; Loren Roberts, Post 18; C. C. Phillips, Post 19.

It was moved that each delegate vote for five names on a single ballot, and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for the five receiving the highest number of votes as members of the Council of Administration.

Seconded and unanimously carried.

Comrade Davey withdrew his name.

A ballot being had, pending its counting, the regular order of business was resumed.

The Officer of the Day announced a committee of the "Sons of Veterans," also a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps in waiting.

Comrades Lawrence and Barker were appointed a committee to escort the committee from the Sons of Veterans to the platform.

Comrades Bliss, Foote, Bennett, Kanitz and Pierce were appointed a committee to escort the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps to the platform.

The regular order of business having been suspended, both committees were received at the same time.

Comrade Bliss—Commander, I have the honor to present to the Department the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade Bliss—Department Commander and Comrades, I have the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. Redfield and her committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, with greetings to the boys.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I take great pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Udell.

Mrs. Udell contented herself with reading the following report from the Woman's Relief Corps:

Muskegon, Mich., June 11, 1903.

Edward C. Anthony, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir—We take pleasure in extending to you and through you to the Department Encampment of Michigan, the greetings of your Auxiliary, the Department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps, now assembled in Twentieth Annual Convention.

The following report gives the present condition of this Department:

Membership, 8,662.

Net gain since June, 1902, 346.

Number of Corps, 234 (with not one delinquent).

Cash expended for relief.....	\$1,484 39
Relief other than money.....	3,784 49
Cash expended from Dept. relief fund.....	70 00

Total .....	\$5,338 88
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Since organization of Department of Michigan W. R. C.:

Cash expended for relief (1885-1903).....	\$38,621 77
Cash expended for relief from Dept. fund..	1,129 23
Estimated value of relief other than money	48,655 86

Total since organization.....	\$88,406 86
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We pledge anew our loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the principles for which this Order was established.

Very sincerely in F. C. & L.,

LYDIA C. HOPKINS,

Department President.

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The Department Commander—On behalf of the Encampment I thank you most heartily for what you have done and what you are doing for the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department.

The committee will pin upon each of the ladies the Department Encampment badge.

The committee from the Sons of Veterans were introduced to the Encampment.

Commander-elect Turner—Commander, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Comrades—I have been detailed to perform the pleasant duty this afternoon of bringing to you the greetings of the Michigan Division of the Sons of Veterans that are now in session in this city. I want to say to you at this time that we wish you well, and that every individual member of our organization sends you greeting. I never look at that old flag up there but what I think, and I believe every son of a veteran thinks, of the sacrifices that you made. As one has beautifully said, that flag gives the spirit of well known power. Under its folds the weakest must be protected and the strongest must obey. That flag was first given to the air in the Revolution's darkest days. It reflects the sufferings of the past, the glories yet to be. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I do not care at this time to make any extended speech because I know that you are busy. I wish again to extend to you the hearty greetings and the well wishes of the Division of the Sons of Veterans in convention in this city.

The Department Commander—On behalf of the Department of Michigan we thank you for this greeting.

The committee having been presented each with the Encampment badge retired, and the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Foote nominated for Delegate at Large Comrade Ellery C. Cannon, Post 16, and there being no further nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Ellery C. Cannon of Post 16 for Delegate at Large to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment. The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote as directed and Ellery C. Cannon was declared duly elected.

Comrade George H. Hopkins, Post 384, was nominated for alternate at large, there being no other nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast

the vote of the Encampment and George H. Hopkins was declared elected alternate at large.

The Delegates from the several congressional districts presented the names of the following Comrades for Delegates and Alternates to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment to be held in San Francisco, August 17-22. On motion the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot for them and they were declared elected.

## DELEGATES.

## Dist.

1. William F. Atkinson, Post No. 17, Detroit.
2. R. B. Davis, Post No. 10, Dundee.
3. Geo. F. Larned, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.
4. Geo. A. B. Cook, Post No. 72, Three Rivers.
5. Chas. S. Wilson, Post No. 395, Grand Rapids.
6. E. T. Winter, Post No. 24, Fenton.
7. E. Saunderson, Post No. 202, Romeo.
8. W. H. Presser, Post No. 38, Saginaw.
9. Charles Miller, Post No. 7, Muskegon.
10. John G. Berry, Post No. 263, Vanderbilt.
11. Andrew Curtis, Post No. 294, Big Rapids.
12. George J. Johnson, Post No. 8, Ishpeming.

## ALTERNATES.

## Dist.

1. H. B. White, Post No. 17, Detroit.
2. O. F. Kaywood, Post No. 48, Jackson.
3. T. C. Snow, Post No. 40, Charlotte.
4. John Seel, Post No. 14, Benton Harbor.
5. Chas. S. Smith, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.
6. L. C. Kanouse, Post No. 117, Byron.
7. O. S. Perry, Post No. 202, Romeo.
8. Jas. T. Hale, Post No. 307, Saginaw.
9. Wm. H. Hall, Post No. 316, Grant.
10. John W. Snell, Post No. 69, Midland.
11. Loren Madison, Post No. 66, East Jordan.
12. Cortland E. Moore, Post No. 300, Marquette.

The following named Comrades were nominated to complete the list of Delegates to the National Encampment: Comrades Marvin Preston, Post 384; P. H. McBride, Post 262; J. R. Stephenson, Post 5; T. E. Potter, Post 42; W. D. Brainard, Post 111; Allison L. Bryant, Post 255; J. M. Greenfield, Post 89.

As only six Delegates were necessary to complete the list, it was moved and carried that the Encampment proceed to ballot, each Comrade voting for six names, and that the six receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected.

As the result of the ballot, the following Comrades having received the highest number of votes were declared elected as Delegates:

Marvin Preston, Post No. 384, Detroit.  
P. H. McBride, Post No. 262, Holland.  
J. R. Stephenson, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.  
T. E. Potter, Post No. 42, Lansing.  
W. D. Brainard, Post No. 111, Eaton Rapids.  
J. M. Greenfield, Post No. 89, Flushing.

The six remaining Alternates were then placed in nomination: Comrades Allison L. Bryant, Post 255; E. B. Fenton, Post 384; T. N. Stevens, Post 176; George W. Norton, Post 111; Rodney James, Post 404; Philonan Bush, Post 79.

There being no further nominations, on motion, the Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment and the Comrades as named were declared elected as Alternates.

The Department Commander announced that the next in order would be the election of five members for Council of Administration.

The following Comrades were then placed in nomination: O. Tomlinson, Post 269; S. M. Kent, Post 5; D. H. Grow, Post 388; Reuben Quick, Post 87; John Devlin, Post 433; Loren Roberts, Post 18; C. C. Phillips, Post 19.

There being seven nominations, motion was made and carried that the Encampment proceed to ballot, each member casting his ballot for five Comrades, and that the Assistant Adjutant General shall cast the vote of the Encampment for the five Comrades receiving the highest number of votes.

Ballot was taken and, pending the count of the vote, Comrade T. E. Potter, Special Aide to the Commander-in-Chief in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Education in the public schools of this Department, presented his report.

As the hour was getting late and the encampment anxious to adjourn, the report was received and ordered printed in the Jurnal without reading.

The following is the report:

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir—Through recommendation of the Commander of this Department, Edward C. Anthony, I was appointed by the National Commander a Special Aide in charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Education in the public schools of this Department.

I received my commission April 2, 1903, and at once consulted with the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General as to the course to take to accomplish the best results within the seventy days before the Annual Encampment of this Department.

On April 4, 1903, the Department Commander issued the following circular:

Circular No. 1.

Lansing, Mich., April 4, 1903.

To the Pupils of the High Schools of Michigan:

Being desirous that the pupils in our schools become more interested in the observance of Memorial Day, one of the most sacred of our National holidays, a day full of thoughts of noble men and noble deeds with its lessons of Patriotism, this Department has thought best to emulate the example of other Departments and offer to the pupils of the high schools of Michigan, five prize medals for the best five essays on the subject of "Memorial Day."

The essays to be written and sent to Colonel Theodore E. Potter, Lansing, Mich., special aide in charge of Patriotic Education in schools, before the 10th day of May, 1903. The essay to contain 1,200 words approximately. Each essay must bear the name of the writer and postoffice address.

A committee of three consisting of Hon. Walter H. French, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction; Hon. Charles Smith, State Senator; Hon. Perry F. Powers, Auditor General, will examine the essays and award the prizes.

The medals will be of solid gold, artistic in design and workmanship and are well worth the effort put forth to secure them.

It is hoped that arrangements can be made to have the medals presented to the successful candidates at the public services to be held on Memorial Day.

The Department Commander reserves the right to use any or all the essays for publication or in memorial exercises as may seem best.

Where more than one essay shall be written in the same school, they shall be submitted to the principal of the school (or a committee appointed by him) who shall select the one to be forwarded for competition.



It is hoped the principals of the schools will encourage their pupils in this work making the subject matter as plain as may be.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

This circular was mailed to every G. A. R. Post in this Department, and to the principals of 415 high schools in the State, and also to the 84 county commissioners of schools.

April 15, 1903, the Department Commander, in General Orders No. 6, appointed the Assistant Inspector in each Post a special assistant to aid me in my work, and all who would accept the appointment were requested to report to me for duty.

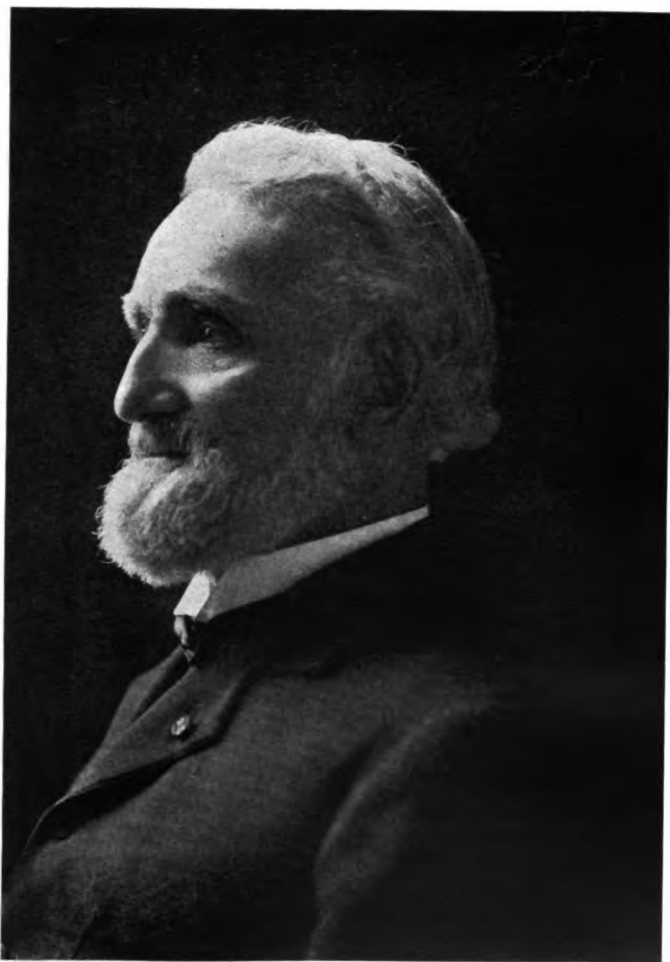
April 21, 1903, I issued two circulars and mailed them to the 263 aides appointed by the Department Commander.

The circular offering prize medals to the high school students for the best essays written on the subject of Memorial Day, giving only thirty days to write them and send them in, was a decided success. The scholars of the high schools of Michigan are to be congratulated on their promptness in writing so many scholarly, patriotic sentiments in so short a time, and it is safe to say that at least 100 essays were written during these thirty days; but as only one essay could be sent from each school, there were but 48 received, and put into the hands of the committee on the 12th of May for examination and awarding of the prizes.

The committee to examine the essays and award the prizes consisted of the following well known citizens and public men: Hon. Perry F. Powers, Auditor General; Walter H. French, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Senator Charles Smith. And the thanks of the Department is extended to them for their zeal and painstaking effort in deciding the awards.

I have received much encouragement from all parts of the State from county superintendents, principals of schools and students in this work; the greatest drawback being in the fact that the members of the G. A. R. have not taken as active an interest in it as I expected and as was desirable.

Much has heretofore been done by patriotic societies,



**T. E. POTTER.**

**Special Aide in Charge of Military Instruction and Patriotic Education  
in Public Schools.**



especially the Woman's Relief Corps, in teaching salutes to the flag, military and flag drills, and addresses to schools by veterans and others, all of which has been instrumental in instilling patriotism in our youth.

But little has heretofore been done to draw it out of them, in getting expressions from them, of the patriotic sentiments and historic knowledge and impressions they have received. This latter form of encouragement and development is what now seems to be demanded. What is of most value and price must come out of us through careful thought and diligent labor.

Stamp into the soul of a child a high noble principle of action through its own mental effort to conceive and express that principle and it will remain through all time.

Now that we have laid the foundation for doing this, let us build upon it, for the pupils of our public schools have this year proved to the Department of Michigan that they can and will fully respond and do their part when asked.

Let us, then, as representatives of the G. A. R. of the State of Michigan, fully do our part in stimulating, encouraging and calling out the talent of our schools by offering prizes for the best essays on some such subject as "The G. A. R., what it is organized for, and why the veterans should join it;" "Sherman's march to the sea;" "Principal battles of the war;" "Generals and their campaigns;" "Appomattox, its effect on the nation;" "The grand review;" and similar topics that our young people will study into, while we are still living to inspire them as living examples and mementoes of stalwart patriotism.

I hope this Department, as such, will provide in some way to offer liberal prizes to the students of our schools, and thus call out the best talent of perhaps one thousand of them on patriotic subjects.

And I firmly believe it would be the means of adding many members to our Grand Army Posts by the interest created among old soldiers through interest and inquiries of these young people, and the reading of their essays.

Statistics show that less than one-half of eligible living old soldiers belong to the Order, and as they grow older and fall out of active business, they feel the need of congenial associations and old army friendships and aid, and are more ready to come in and fill up our ranks thinning by death. No society is so homelike and enjoy-

able to them as that of old Comrades, and they love to be together, in the ranks, as when they were young.

In justice to the Commander of the Department of Minnesota, a State less than four years old when Sumpter was fired upon, and which offered the first full regiment to suppress the Rebellion, and which sustained the greatest percentage of loss in the war of any regiment—at Gettysburg alone losing eighty per cent of their number—we are to give him credit for offering the first G. A. R. prizes to the scholars of the high schools of this country for essays on Memorial Day. I have several published copies of these prize essays for distribution to those whom I hope the next Commander of this Department will appoint to take up and carry on this work the coming year.

I am required by the Chief Aide, Allen C. Bakewell, to report to him on or before June 15th as to what has been done in this Department, and that report will be characterized largely by the action of this Encampment.

Last year twenty-eight states made splendid reports to him on their work in this line. Michigan made none. Now that we have made this year a fine beginning in arousing the interest and enthusiasm of the young people of the high schools of Michigan in the cause of patriotic education, can we, as a Department of the Grand Army, afford to discontinue it?

The part the Civil War soldiers took in saving this country will be remembered longer and more nobly by instilling the principles and spirit of national patriotism into our children and grand children, and they be led to more fully appreciate and maintain the results of those four years of struggle for preservation of liberty, than by any monuments of stone that could be reared to our memory.

**THEODORE E. POTTER,**

Special Aide in Charge of Military Instruction  
and Patriotic Education, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Lansing, Mich., June 9, 1903.

The result of the ballot for Council of Administration was announced as follows: Comrade O. Tomlinson, 111 votes; S. M. Kent, 117; D. H. Grow, 97; Reuben Quick, 80; John Devlin, 148; Loren Roberts, 74; C. C. Phillips, 60; scattering, 5.

In accordance with the resolution, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrades O. Tomlinson, S. M. Kent, D. H. Grow, Reuben Quick, and John Devlin for members of the Council of Administration, and they were declared duly elected.

Comrade Judd—The Committee ordered to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. beg leave to report that we have presented your compliments to the Ladies of the G. A. R., and have been received by them, and they return to you their thanks for the attention given them, and their sincere sympathy with you at all times and in all places, and wish you good wishes and prosperity.

The Department Commander—There being no further business before the Encampment, I will call upon Past Department Commander C. V. R. Pond to install the officers elected into their several offices.

Senior Past Department Commander Pond proceeded to install the newly elected officers with Fayette Wyckoff as Assistant Adjutant General, into their respective official positions.

Past Department Commander Anthony turned over to Commander VanRaalte the gavel, the emblem of authority, and with it the property of the Department.

The Department Commander announced that he would appoint his Assistant Quartermaster General later, and his name would be published in General Orders.

The Department Commander called a meeting of the Council of Administration at Headquarters room in the Occidental Hotel immediately after adjournment.

The business of the Encampment being closed, the Department Chaplain pronounced the benediction and the Commander declared the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, closed.

**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 PONTIAC, MICH., JUNE, 12, 1902. }

General Orders No. 1.

Having been elected and this day installed Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, at its Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment held in this city of Pontiac, Mich., I hereby assume command.

The earnest cooperation of each and every Comrade in this Department, in making the year we are entering upon, one of good results as to the welfare of the Order, is sincerely asked and will be expected as I enter upon the responsibilities of the office to which I have been chosen.

The following appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38.

Assistant Quartermaster General, Chas. D. Blanchard, Post 300.

Headquarters of the Department will be continued at Lansing, Michigan. All official correspondence other than that intended personally for the Department Commander, should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General of the G. A. R., Lansing, Michigan. Mail for the Commander will be addressed to Negaunee, Mich.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING MICH., JUNE 13, 1902. }

General Orders No. 2.

I. The Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of this Department, held at Pontiac, Mich., June 11 and 12, 1902, elected the following named Comrades to office for the ensuing year:

Department Commander, Edward C. Anthony.....	Post 300
Senior Vice Dept. Commander, L. D. Van Kleeck.....	" 147
Junior Vice Dept. Commander, M. D. Richardson.....	" 365
Medical Director, W. W. Root.....	" 441
Department Chaplain, William Putnam.....	" 42

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

E. B. Fenton.....	Post 384
C. E. Foote.....	" 79
O. Tomlinson .....	" 269
Thomas Davey .....	" 404
W. J. Just.....	" 211

DELEGATES TO THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

1.	"Ren" Barker, (at large).....	Post	451
2.	Edward S. Jameson.....	"	384
3.	J. Q. A. Sessions.....	"	137
4.	W. D. Brainard.....	"	111
5.	George D. Dean.....	"	46
6.	H. W. Holcomb.....	"	132
7.	L. H. Ives.....	"	441
8.	Amos Finch.....	"	55
9.	A. L. Bryant.....	"	255
10.	John W. Brakeman.....	"	7
11.	John W. Snyder.....	"	67
12.	Thomas N. Stevens.....	"	176
13.	Wm. A. Jellison.....	"	300
14.	J. O. Bellaire.....	"	5
15.	F. J. Buck.....	"	45
16.	J. W. Snell.....	"	69
17.	Frank E. Willits.....	"	145
18.	William Hart.....	"	17
19.	Stephen L. Cooper.....	"	32
20.	M. C. Dawes.....	"	205

ALTERNATES.

1.	D. C. Spears, (at large).....	Post	10
2.	Eugene Muffatt.....	"	17
3.	Horace Palmer.....	"	45
4.	Wm. C. Shook.....	"	79
5.	L. K. Jillson.....	"	35
6.	S. H. Mallery.....	"	382
7.	Joseph L. Allen.....	"	181
8.	Rosell Widrig.....	"	216
9.	E. Howard.....	"	214
10.	A. H. Eckerman.....	"	7
11.	Oscar Palmer.....	"	240
12.	E. B. Kille.....	"	101
13.	Geo. G. Johnson.....	"	8
14.	J. B. Kenney.....	"	98
15.	J. M. Greenfield.....	"	89
16.	L. S. Russell.....	"	42
17.	N. M. Richardson.....	"	143
18.	Clark M. Hall.....	"	88
19.	A. D. Miller.....	"	203
20.	Roda O'Mara.....	"	1

II. Additional appointments upon the staff are announced:

Judge Advocate, M. A. Merrifield.....	Post	88
Department Inspector, Geo. W. Stone.....	"	42
Chief Mustering Officer, Wm. W. Wheeler.....	"	145
Chief of Staff, Wm. S. Green.....	"	384
Senior Aide, L. G. Wilcox.....	"	419



## AIDES-DE-CAMP.

Geo. A. Russell.....	Post 109
H. A. Chapin.....	" 81

III. Other appointments as aides upon the staff of the Department Commander will be made upon recommendation by Post Commanders to the Assistant Adjutant General. Such recommendations should be made with a view to strengthen the Order in the locality from which the appointments are to be made, and of Comrades who may represent the Department Commander when called upon to do so, in a most worthy manner.

IV. The following standing committees for the year are announced:

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

E. B. Fenton.....	Post 384
W. J. Just.....	" 211
C. E. Foote.....	" 79

## COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Chas. E. Foote.....	Post 79
F. Schneider .....	" 42
A. Milnes .....	" 109

## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

S. J. Lawrence.....	Post 270
D. C. Spears.....	" 10
S. H. Mallery.....	" 382

## COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Henry S. Dean.....	Post 137
O. A. Janes.....	" 384
John Northwood .....	" 433

V. Post Commanders will at once send to the Department Inspector, Comrade Geo. W. Stone, Lansing, Mich., the name of a Comrade competent to act as Post Inspector and perform the duties of that office between the 1st of September and December 31st, 1902, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

VI. The blanks for the semi-annual reports and per capita tax for the term ending June 30, 1902, have been mailed to Post Adjutants by the last administration. It is very essential in order to maintain the keeping of the Posts of the Department from suspension by the National Encampment that Post Adjutants and Post Quartermasters make out these reports and forward the same to Department Headquarters immediately after the last Post meeting in June. In sending the per capita tax or

funds for Post supplies, let the remittance be either by registered letter, postoffice or express order, or by bank draft; if by any of the three last named methods, make the same payable to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

VII. Detroit Post 384 having tendered their services as escort to the Department Commander for the grand parade at the National Encampment to be held at Washington, D. C., in October next, the same have been accepted.

By command of

Official: EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Department Commander.  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., AUGUST 18, 1902. }

### General Orders No. 3.

I. The approaching National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Washington, D. C., October 6th to 11th, offers another opportunity to comrades of the grandest army the world has ever known, to again meet and renew a comradeship formed during the trying scenes of 1861-65. It also furnishes another opportunity to attend a National Encampment in the Capitol City of our Nation, nearby to which lie many of the great battlefields on which many of you participated. The Department Commander hopes each and every Comrade will endeavor to be present and join in one more Grand Review down Pennsylvania avenue.

II. Headquarters of the Department of Michigan will be established at the Arlington hotel, Vermont avenue, between H. and I. streets, and will be open to all Comrades during the week of the Encampment.

The same arrangements for registration that proved so popular and gave such universal satisfaction at Cleveland will be used. All Comrades are earnestly requested to call and register at the earliest date possible after arrival in the city. The system is such, a Comrade desiring to find the whereabouts of a friend can do so readily, without interfering with registration.

III. The following report of the Transportation Committee in regard to special Headquarters train has been received, viz:

"At a meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., held at Detroit, July 31, 1902, it was agreed to accept the proposition of the Pere Marquette and Wabash R. R. in conjunction with the Pennsylvania R. R. and the following has been selected as the official route for the Department of Michigan to the 36th National Encampment at Washington, D. C.

"Train will start from Grand Rapids over Pere Marquette R. R. at 10:30 a. m., October 4, going to Detroit, leave Detroit 4 p. m. via Wabash R. R. to Buffalo, Pennsylvania R. R. from Buffalo to

Washington, with side trip to Gettysburg on the going trip, extra charge of \$1.00. Double track all the way after leaving Detroit. Chair cars for all free of charge. Returning all Comrades using official route will be permitted to stop over at Niagara Falls not to exceed 10 days within the final limit of ticket (November 3). To obtain this privilege deposit ticket with the Wabash railroad agent at Niagara Falls until ready to continue journey. No extra expense for this stop-over.

"This will enable many to make side trips to points in New York State from Niagara Falls and Buffalo."

S. J. LAWRENCE,  
D. C. SPEARS,  
S. H. MALLORY,  
Committee.

This train will carry the Department Commander and Staff, the President and officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, Gov. Bliss and wife, also many of the Past Department Commanders. The Department Commander extends to all Comrades and their friends, especially the organizations allied by fraternal ties to join him on Headquarters train, leaving Detroit at 4 p. m.

Tickets will be on sale Oct. 3rd to Oct. 6th inclusive and good to return without deposit up to and including the 14th, the last train leaving Washington not later than midnight of Oct. 14.

By depositing ticket with joint agent on or before 12 o'clock noon Oct. 15th and payment of fifty cents by the holder at time of deposit the limit of ticket will be extended to and including Nov. 3rd.

One stop-over in each direction will be allowed, east of Buffalo.

The schedule time for special Headquarters train is as follows, with rates of fare:

	Leave.	Fare.
Grand Rapids.....	10:00 o'clock A. M.	\$14.25
Lake Odessa.....	11:00 " "	13.70
Sunfield.....	11:15 " "	13.55
Grand Ledge.....	11:05 " "	13.30
Lansing.....	12:10 " P. M.	13.10
Williamston.....	12:35 " "	12.80
Howell.....	1:20 " "	12.40
Plymouth.....	2:20 " "	12.00
Detroit.....arrive	3:00 " "	11.55

Leave Detroit 4 o'clock P. M. Saturday, Oct. 4th, supper at St. Thomas, arrive at Harrisburg 8 o'clock A. M. Sunday, 5th, (breakfast) arrive at Gettysburg 10:30 A. M., spending the day in Gettysburg, leaving Gettysburg 12:00 o'clock midnight, arrive at Washington 6 o'clock A. M. Monday 6th. Returning trains leave daily at 7:50 A. M. and 7:15 P. M. Train leaving Washington 7:50 A. M. arrives at Buffalo at 7:40 P. M., leaves Buffalo via Wabash R. R. 2 o'clock A. M., (cars available at 9 P. M.) arriving at Detroit 7:40 A. M., connecting in union depot with all trains on Pere Marquette R. R. Sleeping car accommodations will be provided for all desiring such at regular rates.

IV. Free Quarters of the G. A. R. will be furnished on application. All applications must be made through these Headquarters and forwarded to National Headquarters on or before Sept. 1st, 1902.

The time is short so do not fail to send in your application without delay; also, see General Orders No. 6 (paragraph 4), from National Headquarters just sent you.

Parties desiring to secure private accommodations can do so by making application to M. J. Weller, Chairman of Committee on Public Comfort, Jenifer Building, 7th and D. St., N. W. Washington, D. C. Where organizations or parties numbering ten or more may wish to be quartered together it is advisable that early communication be made to the committee for individuals, couples, or small parties. Satisfactory quarters can be found up to the beginning of the encampment, though in such cases it would be advisable to make definite arrangements when practicable in advance. Where large parties are to be quartered together it will be important to designate about what proportion will need other sleeping accommodations than cots. Where absolute engagements are made in advance of the encampment a deposit will in some cases be necessary for the protection of both parties.

V. Delegates elected to the 36th National Encampment should notify these Headquarters immediately whether they will be in attendance at Washington. This is necessary in order that alternates may be notified in time to fill vacancies should there be any.

A meeting of all delegates, Past Department Commanders, and all officers entitled to seats in the Encampment from this Department, will be held in Michigan Headquarters Room at the Arlington Hotel at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday evening, Oct. 7th, for the transaction of business and the distribution of encampment badges.

VI. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 8th; further orders as to route, etc., will be issued later.

The Michigan Department will be under the immediate direction of Comrade W. S. Green, Chief of Staff, to whom all Post Commanders and Commanders of battalions, who participate in the parade will report during the day or evening of Tuesday, Oct. 7th, at Headquarters at the Arlington Hotel.

Aides-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander will report to the Senior Aide, Comrade L. G. Willcox, Tuesday evening, Oct. 7th, at the Arlington Hotel, for assignment to duty on day of parade.

Comrade Willcox will report to and receive instructions from Chief of Staff, who will have entire charge of the Michigan column during the parade.

The Department Commander hopes that as many Posts with their colors as possible, may be seen in the Michigan line.

VII. Reports of the term ending June 30th, 1902, have been received and consolidated report forwarded to National Headquarters. It is with regret, but in compliance with Rules and Regulations, that it becomes necessary to notice that Posts 195, 339, 443 and 444 have failed to make this report and are reported as delinquent.

VIII. Additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp upon the

Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

	Post		Post
Capt. A. B. Coffinbury.....	5	Levi Mitz.....	186
T. S. Huff.....	6	L. L. Hoffman.....	187
Geo. J. Johnson.....	8	Wm. H. Beaty.....	205
S. B. Kimball.....	14	S. T. Finney.....	270
J. H. Powell.....	16	Richard Goodell.....	270
H. A. Chapin.....	31	A. W. Dorland.....	278
Joseph C. Wicoff.....	39	Edgar W. Ford.....	294
Isaac Wheeler.....	89	Peter Trudell.....	300
James H. Wellington.....	90	John Dooley.....	300
Henry W. Moses.....	95	Eli K. Simonds.....	318
Albert W. Wagar.....	95	K. E. Starkweather.....	318
Geo. A. Russell.....	109	B. G. Webster.....	318
Eli Cook.....	111	Stephen O'Neill.....	343
Geo. H. Lineback.....	115	Wm. P. Spaulding.....	343
Rudolph Papst.....	118	A. B. Weston.....	381
B. F. Vest.....	141	Geo. W. Harmon.....	384
Henry Pinckney.....	153	D. C. Alcumbrack.....	408
H. H. Miller.....	166	Isaac Grant.....	451
J. W. Dickerman.....	168		

The Department Commander will not hesitate to call upon the members of his Staff for any assistance necessary in extending greetings of Michigan Headquarters to all comrades who may call.

IX. In accordance with Rules and Regulations the inspection of Posts takes place between Sept. 1st and Dec. 31st, 1902. Blanks for each inspection will be sent to Post Adjutants, who will see that they are placed in the hands of the inspectors appointed by Post Commander.

Inspectors' reports will be forwarded to Department Inspector, Geo. W. Stone, Lansing, Mich. Addressed envelopes will be sent with the blanks for the report.

The following comrades having been appointed Assistant Inspectors, they will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

	Post		Post
Clark A. Reynolds.....	9	H. Rossman.....	141
A. H. Rowe.....	14	E. P. Gifford.....	153
Joseph Foster.....	16	Seneca Sly.....	158
Chas. Wortman.....	24	Chester McIntyre.....	168
Deforest Litchfield.....	33	Richmond Booth.....	187
W. H. Miller.....	39	John T. Cuzzens.....	166
Wm. H. Dunn.....	46	F. W. Bechtold.....	206
C. V. Deland.....	48	D. P. Deming.....	232
R. N. Ormsby.....	55	John Chambers.....	278
L. Y. Cady.....	56	Thos. D. Horton.....	280
W. H. Barry.....	68	W. E. Dockry.....	294
John Hoffmaster.....	80	Geo. E. Harris.....	321
Abustus Simonds.....	86	Thomas Barnes.....	348
John M. Caldwell.....	89	Milo Bovee.....	358
N. S. Wood.....	90	Edward S. Jameson.....	384
Jacob Smith.....	115	A. M. Alberts.....	452
Lewis Brown.....	118	John L. Hodgman.....	456
Dennis Wright, Jr.....	127		

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General Order No. 7, with program of National Encampment, will be issued as soon as arrangements are completed at Washington.

No orders for supplies will be filled from these Headquarters between the 1st and 15th of October, 1902.

Official:

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The address of James Wood, late of Co. A, 2nd Mich. Infantry, or any one who knew Henry Ferris of Co. K, 8th Mich. Infantry, by Mrs. Matilda Ferris, Owosso, Mich.

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### *In Memoriam.*

Since the issuing of last General Orders (No. 2) from this Department, we, as comrades, have sustained an irreparable loss. Comrade and Past Department Commander Chas. D. Long died at Detroit, June 27, 1902. Comrade Long was 20 years old when he enlisted as a private in Co. A, 8th Mich. Infantry, on the 23rd day of August, 1861, at Flint, Michigan. He was duly mustered into the service of the United States for the term of three years, on Sept. 23rd. His regiment was with the expedition sent to Hilton Head, South Carolina. On April 16th, at an engagement on Wilmington Island, Ga., Comrade Long was reported as mortally wounded, being shot in the body, left arm and left hip; being of vigorous constitution, he survived, and was discharged for disability, June 23, 1862.

He entered upon the duties of civil life with energy, filling numerous positions of trust in public life, rising to the honorable position of Justice of the Supreme Court of our State.

The best that can be said of him is, he was the comrades' best friend, and beloved by all who enjoyed his personal friendship.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, MICH., NOV. 12, 1902. }

General Orders No. 4.

I. The month of December is fast approaching, and at the first meeting in that month, each Post will elect all but the appointive officers to serve for the year 1903. At this meeting you will also elect delegates and alternates to attend the Department Encampment to be held in Muskegon in 1903. Posts will elect one delegate for each 50 members or fraction over one-half that number. Every Post, however, is entitled to one delegate.

The Commander desires to urge upon the Posts the importance of selecting for officers those who have shown their interest in the Post and comrades by their zeal and active work. With such officers to conduct the interests of the Posts, there should be substantial gains all along the line in 1903. The best interests of the Post and comrades should be the first and ruling motive in selecting your officers.

Blank returns of election of Post officers, and credentials for delegates will be sent to each Post Adjutant, with addressed envelopes for their return to Department Headquarters. This should be done immediately after the election at the first meeting in December, 1902. Commanders and Adjutants will make careful note of these instructions.

II. The next and the important thing to emphasize is the Semi-Annual report for the second term ending December 31, which, with the per capita tax of ten cents per member, must be forwarded to Department Headquarters on the day following the last meeting in December. Make all drafts, postoffice orders and express orders payable to the order of Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Do not send personal checks as there is an additional expense to the department in their collection.

Blanks in duplicate for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's Semi-Annual report ending Dec. 31, 1902, will be sent to Adjutants of posts, one copy to be retained by the Post and kept on file for future reference, the other to be forwarded to the assistant Adjutant General at Lansing.

Posts are reminded that the National countersign for 1903 cannot be sent to them until after their Semi-Annual returns for Dec. 31, 1902, are received at Department Headquarters.

III. Blanks for Post Surgeons' reports will be sent to Post Adjutants, who will see that they are placed in the hands of the Post Surgeon, or if there be none, the Adjutant will fill them out and forward in enclosed addressed envelope to Comrade W. W. Root, Medical Director of the Department, Mason, Mich. These reports are for the year ending December 31, 1902.

IV. The Thirty-Sixth National Encampment held at Washington last month deserves special mention, and will be held in sacred memory by those present as one of the best in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander was delighted with the large at-



tendance and splendid appearance of the comrades of this Department, and congratulates one and all for their commendable efforts in making the Department of Michigan one of the best in the parade. Also, to thank the members of his Staff, who by their personal and earnest work helped to make the part taken by this Department so much of a success.

The Commander also feels that special mention is due to the escort, Detroit Post 384, who, by their fine appearance and splendid drill, elicited the unstinted applause of all.

Our system of registration again proved itself superior to all others and received the commendation of many from other Departments; 1056 was the total registration of Michigan soldiers at our Headquarters.

V. The Department Commander urges upon the Posts the importance of recruiting and reinstating delinquent members. There is opportunity for earnest work in this direction, and it is hoped that this important matter will not be passed by unnoticed. It is suggested and recommended that Posts appoint a recruiting committee whose duty it shall be to assist the officers of the Post in securing new members and looking up the delinquents. Here is a field for earnest and successful work and if entered upon in the true spirit of comradeship, cannot fail of good results and bring about a substantial increase in our membership. And why not? For of all organizations the Grand Army of the Republic stands for Patriotism and Country.

VI. Additional appointments of Aide-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

	Post		Post
William F. Atkinson.....	17	Wm. Boston.....	82
Chas. Y. Pierce.....	17	Wm. R. Andrews.....	87
Eber Hart.....	20	C. W. Blumberg.....	176
Geo. Wilson.....	23	Wm. R. Norton.....	182
Jesse McBane.....	37	C. H. Crawford.....	187
Chas. Prange.....	79		

VII. The Department Inspector has confirmed the appointment of the following named comrades for Assistant Inspectors. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

	Post		Post
H. H. Weaver.....	4	Lawrence McHugh.....	67
J. S. Hilton.....	10	H. B. Smith.....	79
E. D. Babcock.....	13	Warren Hecox.....	82
Holden B. White.....	17	R. B. Boylan.....	87
Manley C. White.....	20	H. W. Forney.....	91
Edwin Colwell.....	23	A. A. Carr.....	93
O. M. Pritchard.....	27	J. D. Kenney.....	98
T. Biddle.....	35	G. D. Hamilton.....	114
T. M. Smith.....	37	Miles J. Whitney.....	132
H. Coleman.....	38	Geo. W. Clute.....	134
Silas B. Allen.....	40	Asa Morse.....	176
Frank A. Sperry.....	42	F. A. Bacon.....	182
T. C. Tyner.....	49	A. A. Miner.....	218

	Post.		Post.
Henry Manchester.....	229	A. Turrel.....	371
W. P. Warren.....	307	Geo. W. Hile.....	392
J. W. Parker.....	336	Chas. Kaufman.....	393
Edwin N. Carley.....	364	John T. McCurley.....	433

Commanders of Posts that have not named an Assistant Inspector are requested to do so at once, and such appointment is hereby approved without further notice or naming in General Orders.

Chapter V, Art. V, Sec. I, Rules and Regulations, requires that inspection of Posts be made before December 31. Reports of the same to be sent to Comrade Geo. W. Stone, Department Inspector, Lansing, Mich.

VIII. In accordance with Rules and Regulations, the installation of officers of Posts will take place at the first regular meeting in January, 1903. Please take notice, however, that such installation cannot take place until the Semi-Annual report with per capita tax for the term ending Dec. 31, 1902, has been sent to Department Headquarters and the Post inspected.

Post Quartermasters must file their bonds with the Post Commander before they can be installed into office.

Official: By command of  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF, EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
 Assistant Adjutant General. Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING, MICH., FEB. 20. 1903. }

#### General Orders No. 5.

I. National orders No. 3 accompany these orders and should have the careful attention of the Posts. Should there be a small attendance on account of bad weather, etc., at the first reading of these orders, the Department Commander suggests that they be read the second time.

II. The new officers of the Posts having now fully entered upon their duties for the year, the Department Commander wishes each and all a year of renewed interest and success. That we may realize our best wishes for the good results desired, it is hoped that every officer and comrade will do his part, not leaving for another what he should do himself, but all seeking to emulate the best efforts of others. By such earnest work the Posts in the Department of Michigan will realize a permanent increase and not a decrease in its membership.

The Department Commander calls attention to the following extracts taken from a letter received from the Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. Stewart:

"With the installation of Post Officers for the year 1903, the Commander-in-Chief suggests that an earnest effort be made all along the line to recruit our ranks and awaken and continue a renewed interest in the several Posts. The newly elected officers

will, no doubt, appreciate the honor conferred upon them by their comrades, and be ready and willing to advance the interest of the Post, and make their administration a success. There is always more activity among Posts during winter months and comrades should be urged to attend Post meetings and take an active personal interest in securing the re-instatement of former members and the recruitment of new members. There is sufficient material in every community to increase the membership of Posts and overcome all losses. Let us abandon the idea that every year must hereafter show a loss in membership; that will surely be the result if we are to cease our efforts, and with folded arms quietly invite such a result. We can be strong and influential for many years to come if we will only be up and doing."

The Department Commander heartily endorses the sentiment and wishes of the Commander-in-Chief and urges upon the newly installed officers, the necessity of vigorous and systematic work of recruiting. The pension rolls show that only about one-half of the comrades of '61-5 are members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Here is a fruitful field for active work. As suggested in previous orders, let Post Commanders appoint committees to carry on the work of recruiting. Not to relieve the officers of their duty or responsibility but to assist them. "Keep in touch with each other, boys. Get a little nearer together." Let the veterans of '61-5 present a united front and thus show to the world that we are proud of having served our country in the hour of its sorest need.

Your attention is called to a circular issued by "one of the active, energetic Posts of the Grand Army, that has been productive of excellent results." Copies of the same are enclosed and a sufficient number will be furnished on application to these Headquarters, believing that prompt and systematic use of the same will bring increased membership to the Posts and Department.

III. For the purpose of enabling comrades living at a distance, or where there are not enough to maintain an organized Post, the Rules and Regulations provide for the forming of Out-Posts. See section 11, article 2, chapter 2, Rules and Regulations. This presents to many Posts an opportunity to increase membership and to enable many comrades to enjoy the privileges of comradeship in the G. A. R. which they do not now have. It is hoped that the Post will give this forming of Out-Posts serious consideration.

IV. The Department Commander calls special attention to the enclosed extracts from the message of the Governor on the erection on the Capital Grounds at Lansing of a "Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument," and urges that committees be appointed to circulate petitions as suggested, using the printed headings for the petition. This should be pushed vigorously and at once, to be effective.

V. The semi-annual reports for the term ending Dec. 31, 1902, have been forwarded to National Headquarters. The total number of Posts in good standing is 359. A loss of two Posts during the term. The total membership is 13,716.

We have gained three Posts by reinstatement, viz.: Posts Nos. 195, 285 and 339.

Have lost five Posts as follows: By delinquent report, Posts 244, 257 and 339. By surrender of charter, Posts 161 and 356.

Our net losses in membership for the term is 336. Of this number 185 was by death.

VI. Your special attention is called to the very earnest and patriotic appeal of the Commander-in-Chief in paragraph II, General Orders No. 3, National Department, asking for aid to assist our comrades in the Southern Departments in the work of decorating the graves in our National Cemeteries on Memorial Day.

It is hoped that the Posts will take up the work promptly following the instructions as given in National General Orders regarding remittance, etc. Let our response be of the kind that speaks more than words.

VII. Many inquiries come to these Headquarters regarding the laws affecting the G. A. R. The attention of the comrades and all interested is called to the fact that these laws are all to be found in the back part of the Journals of the Department Encampments. These Journals should be on file in your Post room, as they have been sent to the Adjutants of your Post regularly.

VIII. It is desirable that all Post officers and Aides-de-Camp to National and Department Commanders procure and wear at all meetings of the Post and public meetings where the G. A. R. is represented, the Rank Bar designating their several offices.

The following named comrade has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Comrade W. L. Zook, Post 19.

Official:

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

WANTED. The address of any comrade who was acquainted or served with Bruce Buckminster, late of Co. B, 10th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, by Mary A. Buckminster, Owosso, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, MICH., APRIL 15, 1903. }

General Orders No. 6.

I. The Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan G. A. R., will be held in the thriving and patriotic city of Muskegon, on June 9, 10 and 11.

Headquarters will be established at the Occidental Hotel at 10 a. m., June 9th, where all comrades will be welcome.

II. The Executive Committee will meet at Headquarters Room at 3 p. m., June 9th, and the Council of Administration will meet at 7:30 p. m. for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

The Committee on Credentials will meet at the Occidental Hotel on Tuesday, May 9th, from 3 to 6 p. m. and from 7:30 to 10 p. m., and on Wednesday, June 10th, from 7:30 to 10 a. m., after which they will be at the Opera House, where the Encampment will be held.

All comrades entitled to seats in the encampment must secure the Encampment badge from the Credential Committee and be in possession of the national countersign before presenting themselves for admission.

III. The Assistant Adjutant General and Comrades H. A. Chapin, Post 31; John W. Brakeman, Post 7; Henry Spaulding, Post 20; will constitute the Committee on Credentials.

IV. The Encampment will convene at the Opera House, Wednesday, June 10th, at 10 a. m. and continue in session from day to day until all business is completed.

A special program for the encampment will be issued later.

V. The Post at Muskegon has organized with Comrades Louis Kanitz, John R. Bennett and Chas. Miller as Committee of Arrangements. This committee is earnestly at work making arrangements for a most hearty welcome to the Comrades of the G. A. R., the W. R. C., Sons of Veterans, and Ladies of the G. A. R. in their visit to this "City of Monuments." A volume could be written in commendation of the patriotism and public spirit of the citizens of this thriving city, but let this suffice. You will be royally received and most generously entertained.

VI. The Commander of Phil Kearney, Post No. 7, will detail an officer of the day, officer of the guard, and as many guards as will be necessary for duty during the Encampment. The officer of the day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions at 7 p. m., June 9th.

VII. Department and staff officers are requested to have their reports ready and sent to the Assistant Adjutant General before the 28th day of May, that the Department Commander may have knowledge of their work before closing his report to the Encampment.

#### RAILROAD RATES.

VIII. On account of the Encampment at Muskegon, the Michigan Passenger Association have granted a "rate of one fare for the round trip."

IX. The hotel accommodations will be ample. The following have announced their rates:

Occidental Hotel.....	\$2 00 to \$3 00 per day
The Wierengo.....	1 50 to 2 00 per day
Campau Hotel.....	1 00 to 1 25 per day

Comrades desiring to secure accommodations at hotels or private houses can do so by applying to Comrade H. D. Baker, chairman of committee on accommodations.

X. Posts are requested to send all requests and requisitions for supplies by June 6th. Headquarters will be closed at Lansing 12 m., June 8, and opened at Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, 10 a. m., June 9th.

XI. Special orders relative to Memorial Day will be issued later. The Department Commander desires that preparation for its proper observance be taken up at an early day, by the appointing of committees and securing the cooperation of municipal cor-

porations, school boards and teachers, with the purpose of interesting the school children,—that the lessons of the day may be impressed upon the youth of our country.

XII. The Department Commander is pleased to note the increasing interest in recruiting the ranks of our loved order. Only about one-third of the veterans of the Civil War living in this department are on the rolls of the G. A. R. Our work is to secure the enrollment of the other two-thirds. Is not our object a worthy one? Let every comrade bring in one or more, how soon the lagging spirit in some of our Posts would be revived and enthusiasm succeed depression. A hearty grasp of the hand, a kindly word of interest, an awakening of fraternal feeling, will bring the wandering back, and you, my comrade, will be revived and strengthened by so doing.

XIII. Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are reminded that they have a duty to perform, and attention is called to this particular duty, viz.: To assist the Post Commander in recruiting and maintaining the membership of the Posts, and bringing back the dropped members.

XIV. The Department Commander hereby appoints all the assistant inspectors as special aides on military instruction and patriotic education in schools. Their special duty will be to assist in inculcating patriotism among the youth of the country.

The chief aide to the Commander-in-Chief, who has charge of this special work for the G. A. R., in a circular issued Feb. 16th, suggests that the special aides should promptly systematize a plan to secure the following results:

1. The flying of the flag over every schoolhouse.
2. Daily salute to the flag.
3. Legislative action in the interest of patriotism in schools.
4. To interest the school authorities in the floating of flags over schoolhouses and the adoption of a "Manual of Patriotism."
5. Patriotic exercises by schools in recognition of all national holidays.
6. Attendance of school children on memorial services.
7. To cooperate with the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans and all other patriotic organizations carrying forward this patriotic work.

Assistant Inspectors who will accept the appointment as special aides for this work, are requested to report to Comrade Theodore E. Potter, Lansing, Mich., for duty.

XV. The Roster of the Department for 1903 has been sent the Post. Any Post Commander failing to receive a copy will please notify the Assistant Adjutant General.

XVI. National Orders Nos. 4, 5 and 6 have been sent to the Posts and should have the earnest attention of the comrades, and the subjects mentioned in Nos. 5 and 6 should receive favorable consideration. The Department Commander calls special attention to the earnest appeal of the Commander-in-Chief, soliciting aid to assist our comrades in decorating the graves of our noble dead in the National Cemeteries in the south land.

Official:

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.

Information wanted of David J. Warner, late of Co. K, 46th Ill. Vol. Inf., as matters of interest await him, by his brother, W. W. Warner, Selden, Sheridan Co., Kan. When last heard from David J. Warner was living in Otsego Co., Mich.

Wanted—Address of Edgar and Sylvester Leach, both of Co. D, 23d Ohio Inf., by Warren Hawes, Elm Hall, Mich. Information to their interest awaits them.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., APRIL 27, 1903.

**General Orders No. 7.**

Thirty-five years ago the Commander-in-Chief by General Orders, set apart the thirtieth day of May "For the purpose of strewing with flowers, and otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion," and annually since this beautiful ceremony has been repeated by virtue of orders from National Headquarters.

In obedience to National General Orders No. 7, the Department Commander calls the attention of the Posts to the anniversary of "Memorial Day" and directs that suitable provisions be made by each to properly observe the 30th day of May, 1903, with the usual ceremony of strewing their deceased comrades' graves with the first flowers of spring and placing above them the flag for which they fought and died.

Other nations pay tribute to their honored soldiery by granting triumphal entries in their capital cities, the erecting of victorious arches and everlasting monuments to perpetuate their memory and deeds of valor. It has been left to the American soldier to build a more lasting and sacred monument,—“Memorial Day.” Well has one of Michigan's noble sons said in commemoration of the day, “Better by far that this country have no granite shafts than to forget this sacred day. It is a living, breathing patriotism, revived every year. It is a monument rebuilt annually in the hearts of the people. It is by far the best lesson of loyalty that could be taught to the youth who are so soon to be the men and women of the nation.”

So may orators chosen to address the people assembled in cities, villages, and hamlets, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, commend the spirit and wisdom of the founders of our system of government, and without stint praise the valor and patriotism of our comrades in preserving and perpetuating what our forefathers established.

Let the sacredness of the day be upheld by discouraging all efforts on the part of selfish interests to make it a day of sports and games. The day is sacred to the memory of our noble dead, let us strive to keep it so.

The proper observance of Memorial Sunday, May 24th, is heartily commended, and it is hoped that every Post in the Department will attend divine service on that day.

In carrying out the provisions of this order, the cooperation of the loyal women of the Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans, and kindred organizations is earnestly invited and will be greatly appreciated.

Official:

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Department Commander.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., MAY 20, 1903. }

General Orders No. 8.

I. As previously announced, the Department Encampment will be held in Muskegon, June 10th and 11th. Headquarters at the Occidental Hotel.

The Department Commander desires that a large representation of the Department be present to do honor to the city that is generously preparing to receive us.

II. The comrades and citizens of Muskegon have arranged for and on the afternoon of June 10th will give to the delegates and officers of the Department, also the delegates and officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, the ladies of the G. A. R., and delegates and officers of the Sons of Veterans, an excursion on one of the largest steamers on Lake Michigan, provided the weather be favorable. Arrangements have also been made for a rousing campfire on the evening of the 10th. Addresses will be made by Comrades R. A. Alger, J. C. Burrows, Washington Gardner and others. It is urged that as many as possible reach the city on the 9th, as the Encampment convenes at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 10th.

III. As announced, railroad rates will be one fare for the round trip from all points in Michigan. Dates for sale of tickets for the lower peninsula, June 8th, 9th and 10th, good to return on or before June 13, 1903, and from points in the upper peninsula date of sale, June 8th and 9th, with return limit to June 14th.

IV. Blanks for the Semi-Annual Reports of Post Adjutant and Quartermaster for the term ending June 30, 1903, are being sent out, together with an addressed envelope for their return to these Headquarters. The attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 1, Article 2, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations, requiring these reports to be sent in by July 1st. Do not wait for this date, but fill out and send in at the last Post meeting in June. This is imperative, as the National Encampment meets nearly two months earlier than usual, and the Adjutant General has written asking this Department to send in its semi-annual report by the 15th of July. This will not admit of any delay on the part of Post or Department officers in sending in reports. This much is said to impress it upon your minds and not to be forgotten. The per capita tax of ten cents for each member must accompany the reports. Make drafts, money order and express orders payable to the order of Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Do not expect a reminder; let this notice be sufficient.

V. Blanks for Chaplains' Memorial Day Reports also accompany these orders with envelopes for return of same. Post Chaplains, and where there is no Chaplain, the Post Adjutant, will fill out the report. Do this the next day after memorial Day when all the facts are fresh in your minds. It is necessary that these reports be sent in by the 15th of June, not later. Attention is called to the circular letter of the Department Chaplain which accompanies these orders.

VI. President Lincoln's Gettysburg address will be found in General Orders No. 7 from National Headquarters. It should be used in all Memorial Day services as directed by the National Encampment.

VII. The following Posts have been mustered during the term: Nos. 405 and 460, and Posts 244 and 444 have been reinstated.

VIII. In closing these orders, the Department Commander would express his gratitude to the comrades of the Department for their universal courtesy and willing responses to the requests that have been made. Let us not forget that spirit of fraternity that binds us together as comrades, but rather let us cherish it, and may it cement us together more closely as the years pass. Let us be faithful to our noble order until we answer to the "last roll."

Official:

By command of

**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**EDWARD C. ANTHONY,**  
Department Commander.

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## In Memoriam.

It is with profound sorrow, the Department Commander  
announces the death of Comrade

**W. J. Just**

Member of Council of Administration and Past Post Commander  
of Post 211.

Comrade W. J. Just died April 23rd at his home in Ionia.

He entered the service as a member of Co. B, 25th Michigan Infantry, August 6, 1862; was discharged on account of disability, June 16, 1863; enlisted the second time as 1st Sergeant in Co. C, New 3rd Mich., Sept. 21, 1864, was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant, Jan. 1, 1865. Discharged from the service, July 7, 1865.

Comrade Just has held numerous positions in the Grand Army of the Republic, and as a comrade and citizen won the respect of all. Nothing better can be said than that he died a "just man." Let us cherish his memory.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., SEPT. 22, 1902. }

**Special Orders No. 1.**

I. Wm. S. Green, having tendered his resignation as Chief of Staff, the same has been accepted.

II. Comrade E. S. Jameson, Post 384, is hereby appointed as Chief of Staff and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Comrade Wm. A. Jellison, Post 300, is hereby detailed and will have charge of the registration at Headquarters in Washington. Comrades are requested to call and register soon after arrival in the city.

**FREE QUARTERS.**

IV. Much anxiety is being felt by those who have applied for free quarters. Gen. Orders No. 7, paragraph X, explains fully the work of National Department in this particular. A letter from Adjutant General S. H. Towler on this subject, says: "I would like at this very minute to give out the assignments if I could do so, but it is impossible until I have all the facts before me. The Boys need not worry. Assignments will come in time, and if they should not know where they are going, competent men will be there to show them where to go."

Believing everything will be in readiness for all, there need be no hesitancy on the part of any.

Let us fall in line on Wednesday, Oct. 8, in Washington, D. C.

Orders for formation and parade will be issued at Washington by National Department.

Official:

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
 Department Commander.

## STATUTE LAWS.

Laws of Michigan affecting veterans passed by the Legislature down to and including the session of 1903.

### SOLDIERS' HOME.

[Act No. 152, Session Laws 1895, p. 172; amended 1889, Act 103, p. 108; 1891, Act 44, p. 44.]

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines in the State of Michigan.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be established in this State an institution under the name and style of the "Michigan Soldiers' Home," and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the general fund for preparing grounds, and for the erection of suitable buildings and fixtures thereon, and equipping the same; and the further sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of maintaining such Soldiers' Home for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-five and eighteen hundred and eighty-six: Provided, That the board may use ten thousand dollars of the above, or so much as may be needed, to support or maintain such persons as are entitled to support under this act up to the time the home is ready for occupancy, in such manner and such place as the board may deem best: Provided, however, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers hereinafter created to draw upon the sum hereby appropriated an amount exceeding one hundred and ten thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five and the sum of forty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Sec. 2. The general supervision of said Soldiers' Home shall be vested in a board of managers to consist of six members, who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the members of which board shall hold their office for the respective terms of two, four and six years from the first day of

March, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, said respective terms of office to be designated in their several appointments, and thereafter there shall be two members of said board appointed every two years, whose term of office shall continue for six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor shall be a member of said board ex officio, and shall be chairman thereof.

Sec. 3. The said board is hereby empowered to select and establish with all convenient dispatch a site for the Soldiers' Home, and for that purpose they are authorized to receive proposals for the donation of lands for the location of such home in behalf of the State and for the benefit of such institution: Provided, That good and [and] sufficient titles to any lands thus granted shall be obtained by said board before any such site shall be fully established.

Sec. 4. The said board, having established a site for the home, shall immediately deposit a certificate of their determination, together with all conveyances of lands granted, in the office of the Auditor General. They shall also prepare, or cause to be prepared, and adopt a plan for the grounds, buildings and fixtures necessary for such institution, of such form, dimensions, style and finish, as when completed the grounds and improvements thereon, including the buildings and fixtures therein, shall be at a cost to the State not exceeding the sum hereinbefore appropriated.

Sec. 5. The board of managers having secured a site and adopted a plan for the grounds and buildings, which shall not comprise less than one hundred acres of land, shall forthwith proceed to advertise for proposals for the erection and furnishing of such parts of the buildings, in accordance with their plans, as may be necessary to put the said institution in readiness at an early day for the reception of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as shall be hereinafter declared entitled to homes in said institution; and upon the reception of any such proposal they may, in their discretion, make contracts with such bidders as shall make proposals most conducive to the interests of the State, taking into consideration the price, time of performance and responsibility of the contractor, with such sureties as he may offer; which contract, when

duly executed, shall also be deposited in the office of the Auditor General, and a duplicate of said contract shall be kept by the secretary or other proper officer of the board as part of the records of the institution.

Sec. 6. Each of the members of said board shall be entitled to receive three dollars per day for each day he shall be engaged with the business of the board and his actual and necessary expenses, the accounts for such expenses and compensation to be allowed by the Board of State Auditors and paid from the general fund in a similar manner to those for members of other boards of the several State institutions.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the members of the board of managers to meet annually at the home on the second Wednesday in March of each year, and at said annual meeting they shall elect of their own body a treasurer and clerk, who shall hold their office for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the board of managers to meet once in every three months, on their own adjournment, and oftener if they should deem it advisable, at which meeting they shall prepare and carefully digest and mature a system of government for said home, embracing all such rules, regulations and general laws as they may deem necessary for preserving order, for enforcing discipline, for preserving the health of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as may be received at this home.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of maturing said system of government and discipline it shall be competent for said board to authorize one of its members to visit similar institutions now in operation, and by personal inspection and investigation to acquire an insight into the principles and practical workings of said similar homes, for the information and benefit of said board, the expense actually and necessarily incurred in any such visit and investigation to be charged against the appropriation hereinbefore made.

Sec. 10. The board of managers shall have power, and it shall be their duty to appoint a Commandant for said home who shall be an ex-officer, soldier or marine, whose salary shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars per annum, and who shall nominate for the action of the

board of managers all necessary subordinate officers, who shall also be ex-officers, soldiers, sailors or marines, who may be dismissed by said Commandant for inefficiency or misconduct; but in case of every removal a detailed statement of the case shall be reported to the board of managers by the Commandant. The board of management shall have power to fix the salaries of all subordinate officers: Provided, The amount so paid shall not exceed such reasonable compensation as is paid for the like service in similar institutions.

Sec. 11. All honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war of the rebellion, or in the Mexican war, and who are disabled by disease, wounds or otherwise, and who have no adequate means of support, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning their living, and who would be otherwise dependent upon public or private charity, shall be entitled to be admitted to said home, subject to the rules and regulations that shall be adopted by the board of managers to govern the admission of applicants to said home: Provided, That no applicant shall be admitted to said home who has not been a resident of the State of Michigan for one year next preceding the date of the original passage of this act, unless he served in a Michigan regiment or was accredited to the State of Michigan.

Sec. 12. The method of drawing money from the State treasury and accounting for the same shall be similar to that now in force with other State institutions, as prescribed by the general law.

Sec. 13. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, and for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six the further sum of forty thousand dollars, which sums when collected shall be passed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse the same for the amounts advanced under the provisions of this act.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

Approved May 21, 1889.

Approved April 28, 1891.



[Act No. 249, Session Laws of 1889, p. 370; amended Act 47, p. 143, 1895.]

AN ACT relating to the admission of insane members of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to the insane [asylums] asylum of the State, and to their support at such asylums.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That in case any member of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall become insane and shall be so adjudged according to law, and shall be sent to any one of the asylums for the insane, such insane inmate shall not thereby lose his connection with said Michigan Soldiers' Home, and the proper officers of said Soldiers' Home shall claim from the general government any proportion of the cost of maintaining such insane inmate to which said Soldiers' Home is entitled by law.

Sec. 2. Whenever any such inmate of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall be adjudged insane according to law, the probate judge having jurisdiction thereof may commit such insane person to any insane asylum of this State to be there maintained and supported at the expense of the State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved July 3, 1889.

Approved March 29, 1895.

[Act No. 90, Session Laws 1895, p. 199.]

AN ACT to provide for the maintenance of discipline and for the better government of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, who served in the late Civil War, their wives and mothers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the officers of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, shall consist of a Commandant, with the military rank of Colonel; an Adjutant, with the military rank of Major; a Surgeon, with the military rank of Major; a Quartermaster, with the military rank of Captain; and such non-commissioned officers as the Commandant may from time to time appoint.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commandant to provide some suitable place within said home wherein disobedient or otherwise disorderly persons can be restrained, and the said Commandant or such other officer as may be temporarily in command may place in restraint any disobedient or otherwise disorderly person until such person can be brought before the proper judicial tribunal, or until the necessity for such restraint shall have passed away: Provided, No person shall be so restrained more than forty-eight hours.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of such Commandant to make a detailed written report of every case in which said restraint shall have been resorted to, to the board of managers of the home at the next meeting of the board after such action shall have been taken.

Sec. 4. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 24, 1895.

#### WOMAN'S ANNEX.

[Act No. 212, Session Laws 1893, p. 423.]

AN ACT establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late Civil War, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be erected, at some suitable spot upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to be designated by the board of managers of said Soldiers' Home, a dormitory building, cottage, or cottages, not to cost when finished a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, for the care of soldiers, sailors and marines, who served in the late civil war and were honorably discharged, their wives and mothers: Provided, That such wives must have been married to soldiers, sailors and marines during the war or previous to January first, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Sec. 2. In case the husband is living and does not wish to be separated from his wife by entering the Soldiers' Home, then he shall also be eligible to admittance to the above mentioned dormitory, cottage or cot-

tages, together with his wife and minor children under fourteen years of age, if any.

Sec. 3. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the general fund, to be used for the purpose of erecting and furnishing said dormitory or cottage buildings, and the further sum of five thousand dollars is also appropriated for the maintenance thereof for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four: Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers to draw a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and five thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Sec. 4. The government of this home shall be vested in the board of managers of the Soldiers' Home, as provided for under act one hundred and fifty-two, section two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. The [Commandant] Commandant of the Soldiers' Home shall have direct control and supervision of the Home herein created, and the officers of the Soldiers' Home shall also be the official officers thereof.

Sec. 5. Any moneys, which may be paid to the said board of managers from subscriptions, donations, or any source whatever of like private beneficence, should there be a surplus at the annual meeting at the end of the year, shall be covered into the State treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund.

Sec. 6. The board of managers shall elect out of their own body a chairman, secretary and treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 7. All supplies for said institution shall be purchased and furnished under the direction of the Commandant of the Soldiers' Home, as may be prescribed by the board of managers.

Sec. 8. The conditions as to eligibility, shall be the same as prescribed for the admission into the Soldiers' Home of the soldiers, sailors and marines, under act one hundred and fifty-two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, viz.: The husband or father must have served in a Michigan regiment, been accredited to the State of Michigan or have been a resident of this State one year previous to the passage of this act.

Sec. 9. The Auditor General shall add to and incorpo-

rate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, and in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be assessed, levied and collected according to law. which sums, when collected, shall be passed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse it for the advances made under the provisions of this bill.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 2, 1893.

#### BURIAL OF SOLDIERS, ETC.

[Act No. 170, Session Laws 1885.]

**AN ACT** to authorize the burial of the body of any honorably discharged ex-Union soldier, sailor or marine in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray his funeral expenses.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated by law for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be, in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent or respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed forty dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine, having at any time served in the army or navy of the United States, who shall hereafter die, not leaving means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person as appointed who shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors, and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed in the foregoing section, before he assumes the charge and expense of any such burial, to first satisfy himself by a careful inquiry into and examination of all the cir-

cumstances in the case, that the family of such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, if he had any at the time of his decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable, for want of means, to defray the expenses of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, to be buried as provided in section one of this act. and he shall also immediately report his action to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county, setting forth all the facts, and that he found the family of such deceased person, if he had any, in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the expenses of such funeral or burial, together with the name, rank and command to which he belonged as such soldier, sailor or marine, the date of his death, place where buried and his occupation while living; also an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors, upon receiving the report and statement of expenses provided for in section two of this act, to transcribe in a book kept for that purpose, all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine. It shall also be the duty of said clerk upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor or marine, to make application to the proper authorities under the government of the United States, for a suitable headstone, as provided by act of Congress, and to cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's or marine's grave.

Sec. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial, as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 10, 1885.

[Act No. 33, Session Laws 1887, p. 31.]

AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of any county in this State to purchase lots in any cemetery or burial place for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be lawful for the board of supervisors of

any county in this State to purchase one or more lots in any cemetery or burial place, for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army of the United States in the late war of the Rebellion.

Sec. 2. The title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall be vested in such county or in such incorporated Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the board of supervisors may designate, such title to be held by such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall revert to the county when such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic shall cease to be a legal corporation.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 17, 1887.

[Act No. 33, Session Laws 1887, p. 31.]

AN ACT to provide for the joint erection of soldiers' monumental buildings by township, incorporated villages and cities, and to permit the same to unite with any Grand Army Post in the erection of such buildings.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That whenever any township, incorporated village or city, or county, in which a soldiers' monumental building is proposed to be erected by any Post or Posts, or the Department of Michigan, of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, shall desire to unite with such Post or Department in the erection of such building for township, village or city purposes, such township, village or city, shall have the right to aid and assist in the construction and building of the same to the same extent as though such [building] buildings were to be used solely for such township, village and city or county purposes, and such township, village, city or county shall have power, and they are hereby authorized to contract with any such Post or Department, whenever the same shall have been incorporated, and thereby determine the proportions that said township, village, city or county shall pay towards the construction of said building, the architecture and arrangements of the same, and the separate portions respectively which shall be occupied or used by the respective parties to such contract.

Sec. 2. And for the purpose of carrying the same into

effect, the said township, village, city or county is authorized to appoint by its township board, village trustees, or common council of any such city, or board of supervisors of any such county, a board of three trustees, who shall constitute the building committee in behalf of said township, village, city or county, under the supervision of the township board, village trustees, or common council, or board of supervisors appointing them, and who shall have power under such supervision to make the contracts hereinbefore specified, and oversee on the part of such township, village, city or county, the work of constructing such building, and who shall audit and sign all vouchers on account of the same.

Sec. 3. It is further provided that the township, village, city or county so uniting in the erection of any such building may raise the funds necessary for the same in the same manner and to the same extent as is now provided by law for the building of municipal buildings.

Sec. 4. Such buildings shall be and remain the property of the said municipal corporation after the dissolution of such Grand Army Post, but it shall be forever dedicated as a memorial building to the memory of the Union soldiers of the war of the Rebellion, and all relics, documents, books, papers and library belonging to such defunct Post, or which may be deposited afterwards for such purpose, shall be cared for therein by proper supervision, by the public authorities, in a proper room or rooms kept for that purpose, and which shall at all reasonable times be kept open and free to the public: Provided, That in case any surviving organization of the descendants of such soldiers become and remain an incorporated body, as such incorporated organization may, at its option, and said town, village, city or county is hereby authorized and required, if so desired, to permit the said incorporated organization to maintain, so far as possible the same relations to the said municipal corporations in said buildings, in substantially the same manner and to the same extent, during the life of said corporation or that of any corporation formed as its successor, having the same ends in view as the Posts or Department of the Grand Army of the Republic might or could do: And provided further, That the amount of money contributed by said Post or Department to the construc-

tion of said building, in case the same, upon the dissolution of such Post or Department, shall be and remain so long as may be necessary a perpetual fund devoted to the maintenance of such building as a memorial building.

Approved June 7, 1889.

#### ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN MICHIGAN SOLDIERS.

[Act No. 203, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to provide that certain Michigan men who served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, shall be enrolled in this State, with the same rights and benefits of volunteers who served in Michigan regiments.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That all persons that during the late war of the Rebellion have served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, and who, at the time of their enlistment, were citizens of and had lost their legal residence in this State, and who were duly mustered into and honorably discharged from the United States service, and who were never credited to this or to any other State, shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, filed with the Adjutant General, be considered as having enlisted from this State and shall have their names enrolled upon the books and records of that office, and be credited to the several localities and districts of this State, for the period they actually served, as the proofs in each case shall warrant.

Sec. 2. Upon such enrollment such persons shall be recognized by this State as Michigan soldiers, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits now or hereafter extended to volunteers who were enrolled and rendered similar service during said late war in regiments organized in this State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 17, 1885.



## PAYMENTS OF STATE BOUNTIES.

[Act No. 157, Session Laws 1885, p. 212.]

AN ACT to provide for the adjudication and payment of certain claims for State bounties due to Michigan soldiers and supposed to have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors be and is hereby authorized and instructed to examine into and determine the rights of certain claimants to State bounties, which bounties, it is alleged, have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and to adjudicate and determine upon all questions of fraud in relation to such bounties.

Sec. 2. For the purposes herein provided, said board is hereby directed to hold its sessions at the capitol at Lansing, at such times, and as often as shall be necessary to transact and complete the business of adjudicating such claims. Said board is further authorized and directed to establish such methods of adjudication, and prescribe such mode of proof as shall seem to them most conducive to the object intended to be accomplished by this act, and as shall be the least expensive to such claimants. They shall have further power in all cases where it may seem to them to be necessary to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to call for papers and enforce the production thereof. They may also prescribe and provide suitable blanks, and do any and all things necessary and lawful for the prompt and faithful execution of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of this act, it shall not be deemed necessary in establishing a claim, for the soldier, or his widow or children, having a claim under the provisions of act number twenty-seven of the session laws of 1865, approved February 4, 1865, and being compiler's section 937 of the compiled laws of 1871, to comply with the technical requirements contained in the last three subdivisions of section one of said act, nor shall it be necessary to make any technical proof of a similar nature to that contained in the aforementioned provisos of said act number twenty-seven, but it shall be made to

appear in all cases that the soldier enlisted and was mustered into the service of some regiment or other military organization of this State, and was credited to this State or to some military subdistrict therein: Provided, That no payment shall be made upon any assignment of such claim, nor to any person except to such identical soldier, or in case of his death, then to his widow or children, or their legal representatives: Provided, further, That the statute of limitations shall not be a bar to any claim by such soldier, or his widow, children or legal representatives.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear upon such examination that "the bounty due" said soldier, so enlisted and mustered, has been paid to any other person, upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and that his bounty is still justly due him, the said board shall audit the claim, and issue a certificate showing the fact and directing the amount found to be due to be paid to such soldier or his heirs, and upon such certificate the Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State of Michigan for the amount found due by said board as shown by such certificate, and the Treasurer shall pay the same out of any money appropriated for that purpose, or any money not otherwise appropriated.

Approved June 9, 1885.

[Act No. 138, Session Laws 1891, p. 171.]

AN ACT providing for the payment by the State of bounties offered to soldiers and sailors under the call of the President of the United States of February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and remaining due to them and their heirs.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be paid to each enlisted man who enlisted and was mustered into the military or naval service of the United States during the late war of the Rebellion, under the call of the President of the United States bearing date February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and who served in a Michigan regiment, company or battery, or who served in any organization from any other State, and who was credited to this State, or to any county, township, city or village, or military subdistrict therein, under offers of bounties

made by virtue of acts passed by the Legislature of Michigan, such sum or sums as may remain due to such soldier or sailor under said offer of bounties, and in case of his death, then to his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, then to the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, or in case neither widow nor child survive him, then to his father or mother in the order named.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, upon application being made to them by any such soldier or sailor, or his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, his father or mother, as aforesaid, for the payment of such bounty, to ascertain upon proper and sufficient proofs, to be made in such manner and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors:

First, Whether the applicant is a soldier or sailor, or the legal representative of a soldier or sailor, who is entitled to the bounty under the provisions of this act;

Second, The amount of bounty, if any, heretofore paid to such soldier or sailor by this State.

Sec. 3. If it shall appear that said applicant is entitled to the sum claimed or any part thereof, they, the said Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, shall make the necessary certificate showing the amount so due, with certificate together with the proofs and copies of the records relating thereto shall be forwarded to the Board of State Auditors. The Board of State Auditors shall thereupon examine and review such proof, and if found correct draw their warrant upon the State treasury for the amount so due, and the amount of said warrant (together with the date of its drawing), shall be communicated to the person entitled to receive the same, together with a voucher to be executed by the recipient of said bounty and returned to the Auditor General, according to certain rules to be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors, and thereupon said warrant shall be forwarded to the person so entitled to said bounty, and when properly endorsed and presented in due form to the State Treasurer, shall be paid out of any moneys in the State treasury for that purpose appropriated, and in case there shall not be sufficient money in the State treasury applicable to such purpose, such warrant shall

remain as an obligation against the State until paid, and a sum of money not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of said bounties.

Sec. 4. All applications for bounties, now on file in the office of the Board of State Auditors, shall be transferred to the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, and considered by them as original applications.

Sec. 5. It shall not be necessary to employ any agent or attorney for the prosecution or collection of said claims for bounties; but they shall be settled and adjusted directly by the Quartermaster General, Adjutant General and Board of State Auditors, without cost to said applicant, and the checks drawn in payment of these bounties shall be mailed directly to the claimant, or the money paid to the claimant, and it shall not be lawful to pay any moneys to third parties except after the transfer of said checks by indorsement of the soldier or claimant in whose favor the same was drawn.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 16, 1891.

#### INCORPORATION OF G. A. R.

[Act 37. Session Laws of 1883, amended Act 84, 1889, p. 87.]

**AN ACT** to incorporate the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the officers above mentioned and their place of residence;

Second, The corporate name by which the association shall be known in law;

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, and the period for which it is incorporated, which shall not exceed thirty years.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and thereupon the persons who shall sign such articles of association, and their associates and successors, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession and shall be persons in law capable to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy to them and their successors' estates, real and personal, of suing and being sued, and to have a common seal which may be altered or changed at pleasure, but said corporation shall have no power to divert any gift, grant, or bequest from the specific purpose or purposes designated by the donor or donors. It shall also have the power to act as trustee under any gift or bequest for any specified purpose within those named by its rules and regulations, or the spirit thereof, and may administer such trust by such officers and in such manner as is in accordance with such rules and regulations of the order and with the specified instructions of the donor or donors, and such trust when so created shall not be invalid for want of the names of specific beneficiaries to be benefited thereby. And in case the charter of any such Post or Department should be taken away or surrendered, or whenever such Post or Department shall become defunct as a corporation and incapable of carrying out the provisions of any such trust as trustee thereof, the same shall be turned over to and received by a commission, or board of trustees, of not more than three persons in number, which said board of trustees shall be appointed by the circuit court of the county in which said Post was organized, or if said property be real estate, in which said real estate is situated, which

said board of trustees shall continue to administer said trust fund in accordance with the provisions and the spirit of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the conditions expressed in said trust, and they shall account to and be governed in the management thereof by said court, and may be required to give the same bonds as receiver appointed under the general powers of the court: Provided, That the value of the real estate and personal estate owned in fee by said Post or Department, shall not exceed the value of one hundred thousand dollars, and that they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, devise and dispose of such real and personal estate or any part thereof to be disposed of, together with the proceeds, rent and income, as directed by such corporation under its rules and regulations. Said corporation shall have full power to make and establish rules and by-laws for regulating and governing all of its affairs and business not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this State or of the United States, and to designate, elect, or appoint from its members such officers under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sec. 4. A copy of the records of such articles of association under the seal of the State, duly certified by the Secretary of State, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to institute and charter Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within this State, and from time to time issue such orders for the government of Posts as are not repugnant to the rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States.

Sec. 6. At any time when a subordinate Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said Post, resolve to become incorporated, the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant of such Post may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, specifying as provided in section two of this act, and file a copy of the

resolutions passed at a regular meeting of the Post, with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be formed, which shall be recorded by such clerk in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose, and thereupon such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law with the same powers, duties and liabilities, as the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, have under section three of this act: Provided, That a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the circuit court of the county where such record is recorded, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all the courts in this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable memorial edifice, building, or hall as to such corporation may seem proper for its purpose, and it may, if so desired, create for that purpose a capital stock of not more than one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than ten dollars each, which said shares may be subscribed for and held by any person, but in case such persons, or any persons holding shares who are not members of said Post, or of the Department Encampment of said Department, or agents of the same, they shall have no voice in the control of said building during the life of said corporation. And provided further, In case any such corporation so desires, it may, for the purpose of building any such memorial buildings, unite in the erection thereof with any township, village, city or county, to be used jointly for the purposes of the Grand Army, and the public purposes of any such public corporation, in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto respectively: Provided, That in case of the joint erection of any such memorial building, that when any such Post or Department becomes defunct as a corporation the said building shall belong in perpetuity to the public corporation and its successors, subject to the provisions of law. And any such corporation organized under this act may take, purchase, hold and own

suitable lots or parcels of ground as may be convenient for the purposes of a cemetery, and make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots therein and the burial of the dead: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to [affect] effect any municipal regulations in regard to cemeteries: And provided further, That any such corporation may join with any public corporation in the creation of such cemetery, or division of any existing cemetery, but in case of such joint agreement, such cemetery, after the dissolution of the said corporation, shall revert to and become the property of, or subject to the control of, any such public corporation, to be maintained by it in perpetuity as a distinct Grand Army division of such cemetery.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

#### LEASE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO G. A. R. POSTS.

[Act No. 79, Session Laws of 1889, p. 84.]

AN ACT to authorize the leasing of public buildings and parts thereof in this State to Grand Army Posts at a nominal rent.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, Any county, city, town, village, or school district in the State of Michigan is hereby authorized to lease for any period not exceeding five years each to any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic established in any such county, city, town, village or school district, to be used by such Post, any public building or any part thereof, belonging to any such county, city, town, village or school district except school houses in actual use as such, at a nominal rent to be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county, the board of aldermen of such city, the township board, the board of trustees of such village, or the school board or boards of education of said district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.



**TO PREVENT ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE BADGE OR  
BUTTON.**

[Act No. 181, Session Laws 1901.]

**AN ACT** to amend the title and section of act number seventy-eight of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven, being an act entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or the badge of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and being section eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight of the Compiled Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven.

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the title of act number seventy-eight of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows, to wit: "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and that section one of said act, being section eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, be amended to read as follows:

**Section 1.** Any person who shall wilfully wear the badge or the button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insigna, badge or rosette of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use the same with the intent to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved, 1901.

**PROPERTY OF POSTS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.**

[Act No. 25, Session Laws 1895, p. 107.]

**Sec. 3.** The following personal property shall be exempt from taxation:

Third, Of all Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Union Veterans' Unions and of the Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith.

[Act No. 44, Session Laws 1901.]

Section 7. The following real property shall be exempt from taxation:

Eleventh, All lands with the buildings thereon owned by any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic or Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith when such lands and buildings are occupied and used by such Post or Woman's Relief Corps exclusively for the purposes for which they are organized.

#### STATE ARMS FOR SONS OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 141, Session Laws 1885, p. 158.]

AN ACT to authorize the use of condemned State arms by the organization known as the Sons of Veterans.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Quartermaster General of this State be and is hereby authorized to furnish each of the organizations known as the "Sons of Veterans" in this State with four of the condemned muskets belonging to the State. Said muskets are to be used by said [organization] organizations until such time as the [organization] organizations shall be disbanded, and upon such disbanding they shall be returned to the State.

Sec. 2. In order to insure a prompt return to the State of such arms upon the disbanding of such several organizations, the Quartermaster General shall in each case require of such organization a good and sufficient bond in such amount and with such sureties as he shall approve, conditioned for the prompt return of said arms as aforesaid.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

## RELIEF COMMISSION.

[Act No. 253, Session Laws 1895, p. 548.]

AN ACT to amend sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and to add two new sections thereto to stand as sections five and six of said act.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of the several counties of this State to levy, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and annually thereafter, a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill on each dollar, to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the taxable property of each township and city for their respective counties, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Such sums when collected shall be paid to the county treasurer of each of the counties of this State, to be paid out by him upon the orders of the commission hereinafter provided, duly signed by the chairman and secretary thereof: Provided, however, That in case any part of such fund shall not be necessary for the purpose for which it was raised the same shall remain in the treas-

ury of such county as the soldiers' relief fund, and shall be considered in raising future sums therefor.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the judge of the court of probate in each county, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines, to be known as the soldiers' relief commission of the county, with the powers and duties in this act provided. One of such persons shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and at the expiration of the term for which each of such persons is appointed, his successor shall be appointed for the term of three years thereafter. The persons so appointed, shall organize by the selection of one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, and in the event of the death, resignation, change of residence or other disability creating a vacancy, the judge of probate shall fill such vacancy by an appointment for the unexpired term. They shall each file the constitutional oath of office with the court and receive the proper certificate of their appointment. They shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for their services, to be fixed and paid by the boards of supervisors of their respective counties.

Sec. 3. The supervisors of each township and ward in each of the counties of this State, and where there are no ward supervisors, then the aldermen of the several wards of any incorporated city in this State, shall on or before the first day in May of each year make and place in the hands of the soldiers' relief commission, a list of all the persons entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, and the soldiers' relief commission, on the second Monday of May in each year, shall proceed to determine the amount necessary for aid and relief to be granted such persons under this act, which shall be then and there fixed and recorded in the books to be kept by the secretary of said soldiers' relief commission. The commission may determine not only the sum to be paid, but the manner of paying the same, and may discontinue payment of such relief in their discretion, and there shall be no appeal from their decisions.

Sec. 4. Whenever any emergency shall arise in case

of sickness, accident or death, which in the opinion of any supervisor or alderman needs relief, such supervisor or alderman, where inconvenient to consult any of the commission, shall have power to draw an order on the county treasurer for a sum not to exceed ten dollars, and shall certify his action and the circumstances of the case to such soldiers' relief commission, which shall ratify the same, and such commission may grant such further relief at any time as they may deem necessary: Provided, however, That no claim for relief shall be allowed which shall create a deficiency in the fund.

Sec. 2. That two new sections shall be added to said act to stand as sections five and six of said act, to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Said soldiers' relief commission shall make to the board of supervisors, at its October session in each year, a full report of its doings, the amount of relief fund on hand, the amount expended during the year preceding and the amount estimated for the year ensuing, and such further information and suggestions as they may consider necessary in the discharge of their duties under this act.

Sec. 6. In cases where moneys have heretofore been raised by any city or township under the provisions of the act hereby amended, the balance of moneys unexpended on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, may, by a vote of the common council or township board, be transferred to and made a part of the general fund of such city or township, as the case may be, and thereafter no such tax shall be levied except as provided in this act.

Approved June 1, 1895.

#### FLAGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

[Act No. 56, Session Laws 1895, p. 153.]

AN ACT to provide for the purchase and display of United States flags in connection with the public school buildings within this State.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the board of education or the board of school trustees in the several cities, townships, villages and school

districts of this State shall purchase a United States flag of a size not less than four feet two inches by eight feet, and made of good flag bunting "A," flag staff, and the necessary appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near the public school building during school hours; and at such other times as to the said board may seem proper; and that the necessary funds to defray the expenses to be incurred herein shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as moneys for public school purposes are assessed and collected by law.

Approved April 14, 1895.

#### STATUE OF GOVERNOR AUSTIN BLAIR.

[Session Laws 1895, p. 600.]

No. 11.

JOINT RESOLUTION to provide for placing a statue of Michigan's War Governor, Austin Blair, on the east side of the capitol, building on the State House grounds, in the City of Lansing, Michigan.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of securing and causing to be erected on the grounds belonging to the State of Michigan, adjacent to and on the east side of the capitol building, in the city of Lansing, a statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair.

And further resolved, That there shall be appointed by the Governor three commissioners, of whom two at least shall have been soldiers of the Union army of eighteen hundred sixty-one, eighteen sixty-five, whose duty it shall be to procure such statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair, and cause the same to be placed upon the grounds adjacent to the capitol building, and on the east side of said building, in the city of Lansing. The commissioners so appointed shall serve without charge for their services, or cost to the State: Provided, That such necessary expenses as may be incurred by the commission for postage, stationery, travel and

expenses essential thereto, while carrying out the object of this resolution, shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the Auditor General for vouchers of the commission, or any member thereof, sworn to before some officer competent to take such acknowledgment, when audited by the Board of State Auditors: Provided, That the said ten thousand dollars shall be added to and incorporated in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six by the Auditor General, and shall be assessed, levied and collected and credited to the general fund to reimburse it for the sum hereby appropriated, but said ten thousand dollars shall not be drawn from the treasury before April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

This joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1895.

#### RECOMPILATION OF SOLDIERS RECORDS.

[Act No. 30, Session Laws 1895, p. 117.]

AN ACT to provide for the continuance of the recompilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history, and final disposition of the soldiers or sailors from this State during the War of the Rebellion, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Adjutant General is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable books and to recompile and copy from papers now on file in his office, or from such other official papers as he may obtain, the military or naval history of each and every soldier or sailor, who enlisted from or was credited to this State during the war of the Rebellion. Such history shall show, as far as may be possible, the name, age, date, of enlistment, military or naval history and final disposition of each such soldier or sailor.

Sec. 2. The sum of eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the State treasury to the credit of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the

purposes mentioned in this act. The Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer upon the certificate of the Adjutant General not to exceed the sum above mentioned, as the same may be required to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five the sum of four thousand dollars, and a like sum for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, to be assessed, levied and collected as other State taxes are assessed, levied and collected, which sums, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse it for the sum appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 22, 1895.

#### LOCATING MICHIGAN REGIMENTS ON BATTLE FIELDS.

[Act No. 55, Session Laws 1893, p. 57.]

AN ACT to provide for a commission to locate and mark the positions and places occupied by the Michigan regiments and batteries who fought upon the battlefields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby empowered to appoint a commission of five persons, all of whom participated in the said battle of Chickamauga or Chattanooga, who shall serve without pay, and whose duty it shall be to cooperate with the national commission in ascertaining, fixing and marking the positions occupied by each regiment, battery and independent organization from this State engaged in such battles and during such engagements, and to further this purpose the commissioners are authorized and empowered to avail themselves of the knowledge and assistance of representatives of such regiments, batteries and other organizations as were engaged in such actions and battles, who shall also serve without pay, except for necessary and actual expenses while engaged in their work.



**Sec. 2.** For the purpose of meeting and defraying the traveling and other necessary expenses of this commission a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid upon the warrant of the Auditor General, upon the requisition of said commission: Provided, Said commission shall furnish to the Auditor General a detailed statement of their expenses for traveling, clerk hire, assisting in locating, placing and securing the marks and tablets necessary for performing and completing their duties as such commissioners, and for payment of expenses of representatives of the regiments batteries and other organizations as hereinbefore provided upon filing of itemized statement of such actual and necessary expenses. The commission shall also make out and file with the Governor, upon the fulfillment of their duties, an abstract of all expenditures and all acts done or recommendations made by them, with the information gathered from their observation, and pertinent in its relation thereto, as the commission may think proper.

**Sec. 3.** The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three the sum of two thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 4, 1893.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1895, p. 72.]

AN ACT to make an appropriation for marking by monuments the places occupied by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second Regiments of Infantry; the Second and Fourth Regiments of Cavalry, Batteries A, and D, First Michigan Artillery, and the First Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, who participated in the campaigns and battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, within the National Military Park of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, and providing for the erection of the same.

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the

same is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting monuments to mark the places occupied on the battlefields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second Regiments of Michigan Infantry; the Second and Fourth Michigan Cavalry, the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, and Batteries A and D, First Michigan Artillery. Said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park Commission, created by act number fifty-five, public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-three, who shall receive no pay for their services, except for necessary and actual expense and clerk hire, while engaged in their duties.

Sec. 2. The said commission shall at once, after the passage of this act, proceed to carry the same into effect. They shall determine the design and number of monuments to be erected as contemplated in this act with all convenient speed. The actual expenses of said commission shall be paid out of the fund hereby appropriated, and they shall report to the Governor of the State of Michigan immediately upon the fulfillment of their duties in detail, making an abstract of expenditures with vouchers thereto, with all acts done or made by them, together with information as gathered from their observation and pertinent in its relation thereto, shall be embraced in their report as the [commission] commissioner shall think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred ninety-five, the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum when collected shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section one of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 26, 1895.

**PERMANENT G. A. R. HEADQUARTERS.**

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1897.]

**AN ACT** to provide permanent headquarters in the capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used, and to provide for an annual report by the commander.

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors shall set apart a suitable furnished room at the Capitol in Lansing, to be known as Headquarters room of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. Said room shall be given like care and attention as is given to other office rooms in the Capitol. The room shall be under the charge of the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Michigan, and such officer or officers of the Grand Army of the Republic as he or his successors in office may appoint, and said room shall be used for the purpose of storing its supplies and property, arranging and keeping the records and history of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and conducting the general office business of the Department as directed by the Commander. The records shall be accessible under suitable rules and regulations established by the Commander of the Department or his authorized assistant, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and others engaged in collecting historical information.

**Sec. 2.** The Commander of the Department of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic shall annually report to the Governor on or before the first day of June of each year, such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as he may deem to be of interest to that organization and the people of the State. Eight hundred copies of this report shall be printed and bound in paper cover. Two hundred copies shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature and State officers, and six hundred copies shall be delivered to the Commander of the Department for distribution among the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 11, 1897.

## EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 85, Session Laws 1899.]

**AN ACT** to amend act number two hundred five of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment."

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, That act number two hundred five of the public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**Section 1.** In every public department, and all public departments in all municipal corporations, and upon the public works of the State of Michigan, honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Rebellion and the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war shall be preferred for appointment and employment; age, loss of limb or other physical impairment which does not, in fact, incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them: Provided, however, That the applicant shall have been a resident of the State for at least five years and of the county in which the office or position is located for at least two years, and possesses other requisite qualifications.

**Sec. 2.** No veteran, or other soldier, sailor or marine, as indicated in the preceding section, holding an office or employment in the public works of any city or town of the State shall be removed or suspended, or shall, without his consent, be transferred from such office or employment, except after a full hearing before the mayor of such city, or before the common council of such town, and at such hearing the veteran shall have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel. Such removal, suspension or transfer shall be made only upon a written order of the mayor or of the common council.

**Sec. 3.** Any violation of the provisions of this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 25, 1899.

**PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECORDS OF MICHIGAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.**

[Session Laws, 1903.]

**AN ACT to provide for the publication and distribution of a record of Michigan soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion, and to make an appropriation for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred four, therefor, and to provide a tax to meet the same.**

**Section 1.** The People of the State of Michigan enact, The Adjutant General shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, prepare for publication an alphabetical regimental history of all soldiers and sailors who enlisted from and were credited to this State during the war of the Rebellion. Such history shall contain the name, residence, date of enlistment, date of muster in, rank, promotion, wounds received, capture and imprisonment by the enemy, date of discharge, muster out or death, and such information as can be obtained from the records of this State, the war, navy and other departments of the Federal government, or other authentic sources, as will correct or complete the records, making as far as practicable a complete and concise military history of each soldier or sailor so serving; prefacing each volume of such records appropriately, with a concise general history of the organization therein named. He shall direct the preparation and compilation of such records for publication in forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, or forty-six volumes, assigning as far as practicable one volume to each of the following organizations and groups of organizations, viz.: One volume to each regimental infantry organization and reorganization, numbered from first to thirtieth regiment; one volume each to first regiment of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, first regiment Michigan Sharpshooters, and first regiment Michigan colored troops; one volume to the fourteen Michigan Batteries of Light Artillery; one volume to Gen. George A. Custer's Cavalry Brigade, consisting of the first, fifth, sixth and seventh regiments of Michigan cavalry; one volume to each of the second, third, fourth, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh Michigan cavalry regiments; and one volume to contain all other miscellaneous organizations and detachments enlisted in

this State and serving in Michigan or other State organizations; and one volume to contain a general alphabetical index of all names mentioned in the different volumes constituting the entire edition, showing in what organization or volume each name in the index may be found, for the convenient reference of the public in library sets, which index volume is herewith limited to two hundred copies. For this purpose the Adjutant General is authorized to employ such extra clerical assistance and procure such blanks and stationery as may be necessary in the preparation, compilation, comparing and proof reading, necessary to secure historical and typographical accuracy.

Sec. 2. The distribution of said volumes when published shall be made under the supervision of the Adjutant General, in the same general manner now adopted for the distribution of "Michigan in the War" under section three, act two hundred forty-eight, public acts of eighteen hundred eighty-seven. One regimental volume to the applicant of the organization in which he served as follows: Any person who served in any Michigan regiment, battery, company or detachment during the Civil War, and has been honorably discharged, or any person who served in any regiment, battery or company from any other State, or in the regular army, or in the navy, properly accredited to the State of Michigan, and has been honorably discharged, or if such person be dead, then his widow if living, or if she be dead, then his father if living, if he be dead, then the mother of any such person, or if she be dead, then to his eldest child, if any there be; and any such person who is still in the service, shall be entitled to receive one copy of said work, on application and identification to the Adjutant General, and if the application for such copy be not made in person by depositing with the Adjutant General necessary postage to cover the expense of sending such book. Also complete sets to adjutants general of other states, and to state and United States public libraries upon application, and to such other libraries in this State as the Governor may approve, and may be purchased by any other persons who may apply at cost of publication.

Sec. 3. So soon as the work of preparation and compilation of the historical records herein provided for

shall have progressed sufficiently near completion to enable printers and binders to make accurate estimates of the cost of publication, the Adjutant General shall serve a written notification of that fact on the Board of State Auditors; upon such notification, at the earliest practicable moment, the Board of State Auditors is hereby directed to solicit sealed bids for the publication, printing and binding of forty-five thousand volumes of "A Record of Michigan Soldiers and Sailors in the war of the Rebellion, eighteen hundred sixty-one to eighteen hundred sixty-five," and give public notice of the time and place for receiving such bids and the requirements of the contract in accordance with this act by publishing the same in such paper or papers, and for such a period as will in the judgment of the board bring the subject to the attention of the several prominent publishing houses in this State: Provided, That the cost of such work complete shall not exceed fourteen thousand dollars for the printing, binding and delivery of the entire edition herein provided for; and the standard of excellence in quality of material, style of binding, typography and style of printing shall be equal to that used by the State of Massachusetts in its recent publication of "Massachusetts' Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War," copies of which are now on file in the Adjutant General's office of this State: Provided, further, That the apportionment of the copies of the different regimental volumes of the edition of forty-five thousand volumes herein provided for, shall be in the same relative proportion as the total enrollment of the organizations represented in any single volume, bears to the total enrollment of the entire edition as provided for in this act; for which purpose the Adjutant General shall direct the preparation of, and furnish the Board of State Auditors with a comprehensive table of data, showing the total enrollment of the organization, and the total number of printed pages intended for each volume, and the apportionment of the total number of copies to each of such volumes, for the guidance of bidders for the contract of publishing such work.

Sec. 4. Each bidder shall deposit with the State Treasurer before making his proposal, the sum of five hundred dollars, to be forfeited to the State in case he

shall fail to make the contract in accordance with this act, if the Board of State Auditors shall declare him to be the successful bidder, and shall take a receipt from said treasurer and deposit the same with his proposal. The successful bidder shall make a contract according to the terms of his proposal and the provisions of this act, which shall be made and considered part thereof. Within thirty days after notice that the same is accepted, he shall also file with the State Treasurer a bond in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned upon the faithful performance of such contract within the stipulated time in all particulars, with at least two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Secretary of State. Such bond shall be the joint and several obligation of the persons executing it. If the successful bidder shall fail to complete his contract or shall forfeit the same for any cause, the said board shall relet the contract as soon thereafter as practicable in the manner provided by this section, and said contractor shall also pay to the State all expenses thereof, and said board may also complete any part of said first or subsequent contract not fulfilled at the reletting of the same at the expense of such contractor.

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred four, to carry out the provisions of this act, the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars, by purposes and amounts as follows: For advertising, necessary stationery, blanks, abstracts of necessary information from the departments of the Federal government and other sources of authentic information that may be found necessary during the progress of this work to supplement, correct or complete the record of soldiers and sailors in the Adjutant General's department, three hundred dollars; for clerical services in the Adjutant General's department necessary for transcribing, compiling the individual records, and the preparation and delivery of copy of same to the publishers, six thousand three hundred dollars; for proof reading and revising printed proofs of said work, four hundred dollars; for publishing, binding and delivering the completed volumes of the entire edition to the Adjutant General, fourteen thousand dollars; for suitable paper for the printing of this work,



which shall be furnished by the Board of State Auditors for this purpose, one thousand three hundred fifty dollars: Provided, That the Auditor General may audit vouchers for clerical services in the preparation of the copy for this work from time to time upon the certificate of the Adjutant General, to an amount not exceeding one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars, but no further vouchers for the preparation of the copy for this work shall be audited by the Auditor General until a tabulated statement, prepared and sworn to by the Adjutant General, is filed with the Auditor General, showing that one-fourth of the copy for this work is fully prepared and ready for the publishers, and when an additional one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars of vouchers are audited by the Auditor General, a similar statement under oath from the Adjutant General shall be required before the Auditor General can audit vouchers amounting to more than three thousand one hundred fifty dollars. A similar statement for the third one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars and the fourth one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars of vouchers shall be required before the Auditor General is permitted to audit the same, the intention being to insure the preparation of the copy for the entire number of regiments when the appropriation is exhausted. A similar check is required of the Auditor General upon the expenditure of the appropriation of four hundred dollars for proof reading: Provided, therefor, That the Auditor General shall not audit vouchers in payment of the publishing in excess of the fourteen thousand dollars appropriated therefor, nor for advertising, stationery, abstracts, information, etc., in excess of the three hundred dollars appropriated therefor, nor for paper in excess of the one thousand three hundred fifty dollars appropriated therefor.

Sec. 6. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year nineteen hundred three, the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars, which, when collected, shall be credited to the general fund to reimburse the same for the money hereby appropriated.

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### JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

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### SURGEON GENERAL.

Warren R. King, - - - - Greenfield, Ind.

### CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

Rev. J. H. Bradford, - - - - Washington, D. C.

### ADJUTANT GENERAL.

John E. Gilman, - - - - Boston, Mass.

### QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Charles Barrows, - - - - Rutherford, N. J.

### A. Q. M. GEN. AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS.

J. Henry Holcomb, - - - - Philadelphia, Pa.

### ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

E. B. Stillings, - - - - Boston, Mass.



**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR  
THE YEAR 1904-1905.**

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Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384, - - - - - Detroit.

**SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

John J. Cornwell, Post 32, - - - - - Battle Creek.

**JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.**

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**OFFICIAL STAFF.**

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**JUDGE ADVOCATE.**

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## CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

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## CHIEF OF STAFF.

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John R. Bennett, Post 7, - - - - - Muskegon.

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Wm. G. Gage, Post 38, - - - - - Saginaw.

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**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS 1904-1905.**

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, JUNE 16, 1904. }

To the HON. AARON T. BLISS, Governor of the State of  
Michigan:

Comrade—I have the honor, in compliance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved February 11, 1897, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as have taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 11, 1903, to June 16, 1904, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,  
D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.



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**MORNING SESSION.**

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**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
BATTLE CREEK, JUNE 15, 1904. }**

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at 10 o'clock a. m. in its Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment at the Auditorium, with Department Commander Van Raalte in the chair, in open session.

The Department Commander—As the hour has arrived for opening the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, you will come to order. We will open in an informal way in order to receive the Mayor of Battle Creek. I will appoint Past Commanders Dean and Kanitz a committee to escort the Mayor to the platform.

The committee retired, and then escorted the Hon. F. W. Clapp, Mayor of Battle Creek, to the stage, who was received in due form.

The Department Commander—Comrades of the Department of Michigan, I have the pleasure of introducing



to you the Mayor of Battle Creek, the Hon. F. W. Clapp. Department of Michigan, salute.

Mayor Clapp—Commander; Gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic—Representing for the time being the active, hustling, and progressive city of Battle Creek, in the name of the city I thank you for the reception that the city through its representatives receives and has received by this body of men, worthy of the highest respect and consideration of all men in all the expanse of this broad land. The city of Battle Creek, with its estimated 30,000 population (and we are going to hold to that figure until the census shows us differently) puts out its many hands to shake you. It stops in the midst of its activity, and says to the old soldiers, "We are glad you are here." We would like to have you stay here as long as you feel you can. When you go away, all we ask is, that you have a friendly feeling in your old patriotic hearts for us—that heart that freely responded in the days of 40 years ago to the call of your country.

The city of Battle Creek is interested in you. With 4,000 children of school age, occupying 10 public buildings and governed by 100 teachers, those children are interested in you, and as long as the public schools of this city teach the history of the nation and the part you men took in its perpetuity and the exaltation of its honor, there never will come a time when the memory of you and your connection with it ever will cease from the minds of the American people. They are being taught the patriotism that your actions have warranted. They are being trained and disciplined under the flag of the Republic; and if the time comes they will respond to the call of their country as you men did in the dark days. This city of Battle Creek, with its hustling, bustling population, every man, woman and child in it, bids you welcome.

But, gentlemen, this city had a part with you. Out of the county of Calhoun went nearly 4,000 soldiers during the war of the rebellion; and also it furnished its quota a few years ago, when, in order to sustain the honor of the republic it became necessary to invade a foreign soil. But, gentlemen, we have the greatest respect for you. We cannot permit those days of 1861 to be forgotten—and there are many here today who were boys then that lived in Battle Creek. We welcomed them home again with heartfelt joy, to think that they had passed safely through the storm and smoke and roar of battle, and had come back,

waving the flag of the free. But on yonder hill-top sleep some of the citizens of Battle Creek who went out—Boyn-ton, Barnum, and the rest—and as long as they sleep there, the city of Battle Creek can never forget what it owes to the sons of the republic who fell for its honor, and made the perpetuity of the nation an established fact. And often we go there, and many of you go there, and drop flowers of sorrow above the silent arch, and thank the Divine Master of all that the result was as it was; and oftentimes, when winter's winds and snow and sleet sweep across the plain and hillside, we think of the old soldier asleep in a narrow cell, hemmed in by a frozen mould, and we think of the principles they fought for, which are living today and will live forever; and in the golden glow and summer hour, when the birds cast their shadows as they fly upon the ground above the silent form, and when the grass grows green over his grave, we think of the old soldier. So we feel today for the men of 40 years ago who fought the battles of the republic who are still with us. And while we remember those who are gone, we shake the hands of the living, and say "God bless you." You have our best wishes and our best feelings. We all remember the dark days of '61. We remember the election of that great commoner, whose name will never be forgotten—Abraham Lincoln, and it will not be out of the way to say, we remember that great political opponent of his, Stephen A. Douglass. And when that great man came he had forgotten all political differences and contests, and when the representatives of the Southern Confederacy came to him and wanted to know how much of the land of the Republic he would give them, he says, "No more than you can hold at the point of a pin." When he came to die, he was asked if he had no message to give to his sons, and he said, "Tell them to obey the laws, and support the constitution of the United States."

Often have I been on the lake front in Chicago, on the South Side, and watched the monument of Stephen A. Douglass, with its face looking over the wide expanse of waters, on the face of that monument cut in stone the remark he made that I have just quoted, came to my mind, and I have gone a few miles further north, at the south end of Lincoln Park, and seen the statue of the wonderful representative of everything that is American, Abraham Lincoln. In the same great city of the west, the two men who harmonized all differences, when the war cloud approached the Republic, are looking out upon the same great expanse. Peace to their ashes. Honor to their memory.

They are talking now, oftentimes you see in the papers, about the women who sent their husbands and their sons to the battle field in 1861, and they tell of a mother sending her boy, under age; she was poor, but she went and bought him an outfit with all she had. She was poor; she had no more. Then she said to him, "My son, I have done all I could. I give you up to my country." And that is all that any mother can do. Talk about the women of the present day. The women of this country are patriotic, and so ever will be. As long as the men are backed up with such patriotism as that, no nation of the earth has any business trampling on the citizenship of this country.

We all respect the memory of that great silent soldier and of the galaxy of great generals who assisted him, and the fighting soldiers without whom no general could have ever got a name recorded on the pages of American history. We respect them all, and we want to honor them all. It is a proud thing to think of for me, a citizen of Michigan, that at the head and representing the State of Michigan and in the senate of the United States stand two men who are members of your order; and we feel grateful, too, that we are represented in the halls of congress in our district by a gentleman who is also a member. I say God bless them all. We recognize the benefits to come from that war. We often think about it at our firesides, and we think what has been done, and the memory of what has been done will always remain with us.

I thank God that the Blue and the Grey are fraternizing again.

(At this point the noise of the trains moving in the freight yards adjacent to the Auditorium became so great that it was impossible to accurately hear the speaker, but the substance of his remarks was a statement of the part taken by both the north and south in patriotic rivalry during the Spanish war, an expression of thanks that the bitterness of the war of the Rebellion was passing away, and he closed with a quotation:)

"No more shall the war cry sever,  
Or the winding rivers be red;  
They banish our anger forever  
When they laurel the graves of our dead.  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day.  
Love and tears for the Blue,  
Tears and love for the Gray."

The Department Commander—Mayor of Battle Creek—I thank you for these words of welcome, representing the Grand Army of the Republic, and for the cordial welcome you have given them to your beautiful city, for its hospitality and its privileges. These men represent that great army in blue that in their youth went forth to put down one of the greatest rebellions that ever existed. They have shown their courage and loyalty on the field of battle, and have saved our country in its unity, and our flag in its honor and beauty. But one of the grandest distinctions that these comrades claim, is, that after four long years of war they were able to come back like loyal and brave men to their homes, and return to private life, and become the most noble citizens—not only noble citizens, but they took part in administering the government of their State and of the United States, showing that they were able both to defend and govern their country. You have turned over your city to these, my grand comrades; I can assure you that such men will never disappoint you, but if any should fall by the wayside, please remember the parable of the good Samaritan, and take care of them, and we will bless you. We hope the city of Battle Creek will have a pleasant thought for this occasion, for their kindness to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Mayor was decorated with an Encampment badge as a souvenir, when he was escorted from the hall, and the Encampment opened in due form, with prayer by the Department Chaplain.

Heavenly Father, our Father, we gladly look up to Thee in the light of this pleasant welcome day, welcome association, welcome memories, welcome friendships, renewed again, that we are entering upon the enjoyment of another year. We thank Thee today that no officer of this Encampment has been called away from us during the past year. We thank Thee that our Commander and all of the executive officers have been spared to transact the business of this Encampment. And now, Father in Heaven, we most earnestly and heartily and devoutly invoke Thy blessing on this Encampment, on every comrade here, and especially upon the officers; and we pray that the day may be one of precious recollection to us in all respects. We thank Thee that we have so much to be glad for and that while so many of our comrades have been called away during the year, that so many have been most graciously and providentially spared. Oh, help us to realize the debt

of gratitude we owe to Thee. Let our hearts now go up in devotion and gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father for all His goodness to us. Preside over all these meetings and guide them in every respect. We pray that Thou wilt bless our country in all of its great national interests, and make it more and more a noble country in every element of virtue, and intelligence, and righteousness, that it may still stand a growing example, a splendid example, to all the nations of the earth. We pray today that the time may never come again when the blood of an American shall ever have to be shed for the wrong and sins of this nation. And we pray that as we may go again to our homes, we, who are representing a class that can never be replaced, who, when we are gone the like can never return, to help us to realize what an example we should be in our personality and our character and in our lives, in our influence, in our example, in every community where we go and where we live; and help us to bear ourselves everywhere, not only in the grand influence of our civil position but of our moral position, in every community, that we may be an example to our young men, that the very best of them will be glad to follow. And we pray that Thou wilt continue to guide us and bless us and be with us until we shall be called home to that rest and that reward and that grand encampment above, forever, where all Thy children are, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The roll of the Encampment was called and a quorum found to be present.

The Assistant Adjutant General—Department Commander, the Committee on Credentials begs to report that the roll of the Encampment is not quite completed, because all of the delegates have not yet reported at the committee's headquarters. We would ask for further time to complete our report, and when ready, the same to be accepted as the roll of the Encampment.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

To the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that we have examined the credentials as presented by the several Posts of the Department and find the following members present and entitled to sit in this Encampment:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF, A. A. G., Chairman.

H. A. CHAPIN, Post 31,

A. B. SIMPSON, Post 32,

A. B. COFFINBERRY, Post 5,

Committee.

The following is the

#### ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

##### PRESENT.

Department Commander—D. B. K. Van Raalte,	-	Holland.
Junior Vice Department Commander—E. S. Jamison,	-	Marine City.
Medical Director—W. W. Root,	- - - -	Mason.
Department Chaplain—Wm. Putnam,	- - - -	Lansing.

##### OFFICIAL STAFF.

Assistant Adjutant General—Fayette Wyckoff,	- -	Lansing.
Assistant Quartermaster General—P. H. McBride,	-	Holland.
Department Inspector—Frank R. Chase,	- -	Smyrna.
Judge Advocate—Bishop E. Andrews,	- -	Three Rivers.
Chief of Staff—John R. Bennett,	- - -	Muskegon.
Senior Aide—A. W. Alvord,	- - - -	Battle Creek.

##### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. Tomlinson,	-	Plainwell.	S. M. Kent,	-	Grand Rapids.
D. H. Grow,	-	Allendale.	Reubin Quick,	-	Lowell.
John Devlin,	-			-	Detroit.

##### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger,	-	Detroit.	Byron R. Pierce,	-	Grand Rapids.
C. V. R. Pond,	-	Lansing.	James H. Kidd,	-	Muskegon.
O. A. Jones,	-	Detroit.	Washington Gardner,	-	Albion.
A. T. Bliss,	-	Saginaw.	Russel R. Pealer,	-	Three Rivers.
Louis Kanitz,	-	Muskegon.	Henry M. Duffield,	-	Detroit.
Henry S. Dean,	-	Ann Arbor.	James Van Kleeck,	-	Bay City.

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- Post No. 1, Soldier's Home. Commander, O. W. Hodges; Past Commander, W. W. Fowler; Past Commander, Rody Omara.
- " 2, Quincy. Commander, Wm. G. Whitney; Delegate, Wm. Wimer; Past Commander, E. G. Hoyt; Past Commander, L. D. Reynolds
- " 3, Whitehall. Delegate, E. M. Ruggles.
- " 4, Reading. Alternate, A. B. Daniels.
- " 5, Grand Rapids. Commander, J. W. McCrath; Delegate, John Barrett; Alternate, Asa W. Slayton; Past Commander, W. D. Frost; Past Commander, T. C. Putnam; Past Commander, J. A. S. Verdier; Past Commander, S. R. Wooster; Past Commander, Jas. R. Stevenson; Past Commander, J. O. Bellaire; Past Commander, S. M. Kent; Past Commander, J. B. Griswold; Past Commander, A. B. Coffinberry; Past Commander, W. B. Bostock.
- " 6, Hillsdale. Commander, J. M. Fink; Delegate, Wm. Burd.
- " 7, Muskegon. Past Commander, Louis Kanitz; Past Commander, Jas. R. Bennett; Past Commander, C. L. Brundage.
- " 8, Ishpeming. Delegate, Geo. G. Johnston.
- " 10, Dundee. Delegate, A. T. Hicock; Past Commander, Geo. W. Hurd, James Knowles, David Spears.
- " 13, Harbor Springs. Past Commander, Stephen Manchester.
- " 14, Benton Harbor. Delegate, John M. Daigneau; Delegate, A. B. Howes; Past Commander, S. B. Kimball; Past Commander, John Clark; Past Commander, John Seel; Past Commander, W. F. Kimball.
- " 17, Detroit. Delegate, H. A. Backus; Delegate, D. G. Crotty; Delegate, H. F. Eberts; Delegate, C. A. Bartlett; Delegate, A. S. McWilliams; Alternate, R. McKinstry; Alternate, E. Muffat; Past Commander, Wm. Davey; Past Commander, James Reid; Past Commander, Wm. Hart; Past Commander, D. S. Kimball; Past Commander, H. B. Eggeman; Past Commander, R. Doran; Past Commander, C. K. Radcliffe; Past Commander, A. L. Sawyer.
- " 18, Traverse City. Delegate, Allen F. Little; Delegate, W. J. Hilliker.
- " 19, Bangor. Delegate, W. L. Zook; Delegate, Ed. Smith; Past Commander, C. C. Phillips; Past Commander, Bruce Merrimen; Past Commander, O. A. Reynolds.
- " 22, Buchanan. Past Commander, John W. Bristle.
- " 23, Bloomington. Past Commander, Frank Cooley; Past Commander, J. W. Edwards; Past Commander, Geo. Wilson.
- " 24, Fenton. Delegate, Edgar Durfee;
- " 25, Ogden Center. Delegate, I. W. Robertson.
- " 27, Decatur. Delegate, Alfred Turner; Past Commander, R. Colbetzor; Past Commander, John Knall; Past Commander, S. M. Rawson; Past Commander, H. H. Van Camp; Past Commander, G. W. Lusk; Past Commander, W. H. White; Past Commander, H. B. Myers.

- Post No. 28, Hemlock. Commander, Calvin Sylvester; Delegate, James D. Smith; Past Commander, Jedd Bennett.
- " 29, Grand Rapids. Commander, E. F. Covell; Delegate, Wm. Koch; Past Commander, J. C. Christenson.
- " 31, Paw Paw. Commander, John Reed; Delegate, O. A. Rice; Past Commander, H. A. Chapin.
- " 32, Battle Creek. Commander, R. J. Kelley; Delegate, C. H. Browning; Past Commander, S. S. French; Past Commander, S. M. Holton; Past Commander, A. B. Simpson; Past Commander, A. Griswold; Past Commander, Wm. Dowsett; Past Commander, G. M. Hodges; Past Commander, I. W. Taylor; Past Commander, J. J. Cornwell; Past Commander, A. W. Alvord; Past Commander, R. M. Bellinger.
- " 35, South Haven. Delegate, L. A. Olds; Past Commander, Herrick Hodges; Past Commander, L. K. Jillson.
- " 36, Berrien Center. Delegate, P. E. O'Brien.
- " 37, Stanton. Alternate, T. Low; Past Commander, H. V. Hallett.
- " 38, Saginaw. Commander, Henry Fiege; Past Commander, Wm. G. Gage; Past Commander, Wm. W. Morgan; Past Commander, John Schmidt.
- " 39, Berrien Springs. Commander, Rosco D. Dix; Past Commander, S. E. Headlock; Past Commander, Wm. H. Miller; Past Commander, Mandell Wells.
- " 40, Charlotte. Commander, Wm. Beekman; Delegate, D. F. Vickery; Delegate, Geo. Sattler; Past Commander, J. D. Butler; Past Commander, F. J. Snow; Past Commander, L. A. Snell.
- " 41, Chelsea. Delegate, W. Salisbury; Past Commander, T. E. Wood; Past Commander, E. L. Negus.
- " 42, Lansing. Commander, Geo. W. Stone; Delegate, L. S. Russell; Delegate, Chas. A. Wallace; Delegate, John Oatley; Delegate, John A. Wardell; Past Commander, Lewis A. Miller; Past Commander, Wm. C. Nesen; Past Commander, T. E. Potter; Past Commander, Wm. L. Reed; Past Commander, A. S. Shattuck; Past Commander, Fred Schneider; Past Commander, Seymour Foster; Past Commander, W. W. Cook; Past Commander, A. E. Cowles; Past Commander, E. R. Havens.
- " 43, Blissfield. Delegate, H. B. Hathaway.
- " 44, Sanford. Delegate, John Verity.
- " 45, Woodbury. Delegate, Horace Palmer; Delegate, Chas. E. Rogers.
- " 46, Ganges. Delegate, Chas. Corwin; Past Commander, Henry C. Dow.
- " 47, Dowagiac. Delegate, Dr. H. S. McMaster.
- " 48, Jackson. Commander, S. B. Davis; Delegate, Samuel Raven; Delegate, Wm. H. Porter; Delegate, Lewis Pelton; Delegate, L. S. Taylor; Past Commander, Geo. S. White; Past Commander, T. H. Williams; Past Commander, A. D. Welling; Past Commander, M. S. Redfield; Past Commander, Dan. J. Willson; Past Commander, Burt Hubbell; Past Commander, G. S. Trumble; Past Commander, J. D. Jewell; Past Commander, Albert Dunham; Past Commander, H. Dorr Blakeman; Past Commander, O. F. Kaywood.



- Post No. 52, Pentwater. Delegate, D. B. Gardner.
- " 53, Mason. Delegate, Hugh Blakely.
- " 56, Allegan. Delegate, Robt. Foster; Past Commander, S. F. Murphy; Past Commander, O. L. Holton; Past Commander, W. H. Perry; Past Commander, E. D. Nash; Past Commander, L. W. Bellinger; Past Commander, Wm. White; Past Commander, L. Y. Cady.
- " 57, Marcellus. Past Commander, J. B. Fortner.
- " 59, Gobleville. Commander, E. C. Wilcox.
- " 60, Leslie. Commander, J. S. Birlson; Delegate, W. D. Smith; Past Commander, H. Laberteaux; Past Commander, J. S. Willson.
- " 61, Milford. Commander, Wm. H. Smith.
- " 62, Cedar Springs. Delegate, W. H. Jones.
- " 63, East Tawas. Delegate, Hon. W. C. Stevens.
- " 64, Niles. Delegate, A. Winborn.
- " 67, Bay City. Past Commander, J. W. Snider; Past Commander, M. J. Borland.
- " 69, Midland. Delegate, Alfred See; Delegate, O. A. Purchase.
- " 72, Three Rivers. Commander, B. E. Andrews; Delegate, Geo. A. B. Cooke; Alternate, W. W. Van Horn; Past Commander, M. H. Bumphrey; Past Commander, Russell R. Peeler; Past Commander, A. A. Udell; Past Commander, S. M. Snyder;
- " 73, Sturgis. Past Commander, P. H. Van Vleck.
- " 74, Wayland. Past Commander, Frank E. Fickett.
- " 79, Kalamazoo. Delegate, W. D. Shook; Alternate, James McGinn; Past Commander, Geo. M. Buck; Past Commander, C. E. Foote; Past Commander, Delevand Arnold; Past Commander, E. S. Bissell; Past Commander, Fred D. Root; Past Commander, Chas. Prange; Past Commander, Geo. F. Larned; Past Commander, Jas. E. White; Past Commander, P. H. Burke; Past Commander, Freeman Hall; Past Commander, F. P. Muhlenburg.
- " 80, Hopkins Station. Delegate, Wesley McBride; Past Commander, John Hoffmaster; Past Commander, John Bacon; Past Commander, Chas. Tiefenthal.
- " 82, Nashville. Commander, Wm. Boston; Past Commander, E. D. Williams; Past Commander, Geo. Wellman; Past Commander, R. C. Smith.
- " 83, Greenville. Past Commander, A. H. Bennett;
- " 85, Three Oaks. Commander, Fred F. Sovereign; Delegate, Samuel Gable.
- " 87, Lowell. Delegate, Wilbur H. Moon.
- " 88, Union City. Commander, Ira Buell; Delegate, S. J. Osborn; Past Commander, M. S. Merrifield; Past Commander, C. M. Hall; Past Commander, W. A. Hankin; Past Commander, M. E. Blair; Past Commander, O. N. Dennison; Past Commander, D. E. Youngs.
- " 89, Flushing. Past Commander, J. F. Greenfield.
- " 91, St. Louis. Commander, H. W. Farmer; Alternate, George Wood.
- " 93, Webberville. Past Commander, A. A. Carr.

- Post No. 95, Flatrock. Past Commander, A. W. Wagar.  
 " 97, Hersey. Past Commander, Wm. D. Lovell.  
 " 98, Port Huron. Commander, Geo. W. Howe; Delegate,  
 E. G. Spaulding; Past Commander, E. S. Petit.  
 " 100, Lyons. Delegate, J. O. Probasco.  
 " 103, Williamston. Commander, W. L. Robson.  
 " 105, Tekonsha. Alternate, Chas. H. Miller.  
 " 107, Dimondale. Delegate, Chas. Holcombe.  
 " 109, Coldwater. Delegate, E. E. Lewis; Delegate, Geo M.  
 White; Delegate, Philip Pitcher; Past Commander,  
 Alford Milnes; Past Commander, Franklin Eaton;  
 Past Commander, H. H. Benson; Past Commander,  
 Geo. H. Turner.  
 " 110, Hudson. Alternate, Jas. K. Perriman.  
 " 111, Eaton Rapids. Delegate, Milo Thompson, Delegate,  
 J. R. Morton; Past Commander, H. J. Milbourn;  
 Past Commander, Geo. W. Norton; Past Commander,  
 H. B. Olmsted; Past Commander, Eli Cook; Past Com-  
 mander, J. W. Rolph; Past Commander, Ros West;  
 Past Commander, W. D. Brainard.  
 " 112, Mulliken. Past Commander, L. D. Fisher.  
 " 114, Fowlerville. Delegate, Marvin Benjamin.  
 " 117, Byron. Delegate, Joseph Schwikert; Past Commander,  
 L. C. Kanouse; Past Commander, Amos Graves;  
 Past Commander, Griffith LaDue; Past Commander,  
 Wm. Close.  
 " 120, Howell. Past Commander, John McGivny.  
 " 121, Chesaning. Delegate, Samuel W. Hereld.  
 " 125, Hastings. Commander, Wm. Ream; Delegate, Hiram  
 Jones; Past Commander, Hiram Palmatier; Past  
 Commander, H. H. Trask; Past Commander, Travers  
 Phillips.  
 " 126, Belding. Past Commander, F. R. Chase;  
 " 128, Hawkins. Delegate, Ira Cook.  
 " 130, Edmore. Commander, Hiram Sackett; Past Com-  
 mander, Joseph Perrine.  
 " 131, Colon. Delegate, Edward Kemerling.  
 " 132, Portland. Past Commander, H. W. Holcombe; Past  
 Commander, Wm. Miner; Past Commander, M. J.  
 Whitney.  
 " 137, Ann Arbor. Delegate, N. P. Jacobs; Past Commander,  
 Henry S. Dean.  
 " 141, Lakeview. Past Commander, J. J. Pond.  
 " 144, Lapeer. Delegate, Clement Waldron.  
 " 145, Flint. Delegate, Jas. Remington; Commander, Joseph  
 Rush; Past Commander, Chas. Austin; Past Com-  
 mander, Wm. Stone; Past Commander, Geo. Hilton.  
 " 146, Waldron. Commander, W. B. Morse.  
 " 147, Pontiac. Delegate, Thomas Wyckoff.  
 " 153, Saranac. Commander, F. T. Haskins; Delegate, Henry  
 Pinkney.  
 " 155, Homer. Commander, C. D. Burt; Past Commander,  
 L. M. Thayer.  
 " 156, St. Johns. Delegate, H. M. Estes; Past Commander,  
 Wm. N. Stocker.  
 " 160, Corunna. Delegate, G. W. Matson.

- Post No. 162, Detroit. Past Commander, Carl Engel.
- " 163, Vermontville. Commander, C. F. Fuller; Delegate, Wm. Wright.
- " 164, Morley. Commander, C. E. Blossom.
- " 166, Marshall. Delegate, C. E. Hillis; Alternate, Perry Mayo; Past Commander, David Walkinshaw; Past Commander, Thos. N. Wright; Past Commander, John T. Cuzzins; Past Commander, Ephriam Marble; Past Commander, Henry H. Miller.
- " 168, Maple City. Alternate, James Anton.
- " 173, Carson City. Commander, Samuel J. Smith; Alternate, Andrew Keck, Past Commander, C. H. Morse;
- " 175, Escanaba. Past Commander, A. H. Rolph.
- " 176, Stanton. Past Commander, Thos. N. Stevens.
- " 180, Ypsilanti. Delegate, S. B. Mereness; Past Commander, E. A. Holbrook.
- " 181, Milford. Commander, Silas Bullard; Delegate, John F. Beaumont; Past Commander, A. V. Austin.
- " 183, Holly. Alternate, Chas. Woodworth.
- " 184, Detroit. Commander, Samuel Smith.
- " 185, Bronson. Delegate, Carlton W. Albertson.
- " 188, Hadley. Commander, Lucius Sanborn.
- " 193, Mendon. Delegate, Roderick D. Young.
- " 196, Lawton. Delegate, Chas. Perine; Past Commander, James H. Hall.
- " 202, Romeo. Delegate, John J. Casey; Past Commander, O. S. Perry.
- " 203, Stockbridge. Past Commander, A. G. Miller.
- " 205, Owosso. Delegate, E. H. Jacobs.
- " 210, Albion. Delegate, John Aitken; Delegate, Henry D. Smith; Past Commander, C. T. Smith; Past Commander, O. G. Hubbard; Past Commander, S. D. Wiley; Past Commander, H. T. Gilbert; Past Commander, W. E. Bizette; Past Commander, B. B. Bissell.
- " 211, Ionia. Delegate, Marvin Guernsey; Delegate, Justus Beadle; Past Commander, James H. Laden.
- " 213, Bellevue. Commander, Wm. Hawley; Delegate, Alfred Fruin; Past Commander, I. A. Birchard; Past Commander, Henry Dilno; Past Commander, G. F. Anson; Past Commander, F. F. Hughs; Past Commander, Wm. W. Lattie.
- " 215, Fulton. Commander, H. H. Kindig; Delegate, John Weaver; Past Commander, W. C. Case; Past Commander, O. M. Gates; Past Commander, Thos. Hope; Past Commander, J. N. Barker.
- " 216, Mt. Clemens. Delegate, James Wade.
- " 225, Trenton. Delegate, Sylvester Hall; Past Commander, J. C. Alvord.
- " 234, Hubbardston. Delegate, Chas. L. Stuck; Past Commander, E. C. Read; Past Commander, A. S. Harris.
- " 235, Boyne City. Commander, John H. Newville.
- " 237, Rockford. Delegate, A. Toms.
- " 238, Coopersville. Delegate, Hiram Ames.
- " 240, Grayling. Commander, Dell Smith; Delegate, Dan S. Waldron; Past Commander, A. S. Pond.
- " 241, Woodland. Past Commander, Harrison Long.

- Post No. 242, Athens. Delegate, Henry Koehler; Past Commander, B. F. Taylor; Past Commander, R. A. Carpenter.
- " 248, Wacousta. Delegate, J. E. Parks.
- " 250, Mt. Pleasant. Delegate, Wm. Watson; Past Commander, John A. Hurns.
- " 255, Mayville. Past Commander, A. L. Bryant.
- " 256, Partello. Commander, S. Thompson; Delegate, Jas. Bosworth; Past Commander, A. J. Phillips; Past Commander, M. H. Gifford.
- " 258, St. Ignace. Alternate, F. S. Walker.
- " 259, Litchfield. Past Commander, F. W. Barber; Past Commander, E. A. Shattuck.
- " 261, Wayne. Alternate, J. M. Orr; Past Commander, Jos. Smith.
- " 262, Holland. Alternate, D. H. Clark.
- " 263, Vanderbilt. Commander, John G. Berry.
- " 269, Plainwell. Commander, Chas. Adams; Alternate, Harrison L. Luce; Past Commander, O. Tomlinson; Past Commander, Henry S. Strattors; Past Commander, J. B. Swan; Past Commander, Arther Haslewood.
- " 270, Ecorse. Past Commander, Jeston R. Warner.
- " 275, Olivet. Commander, H. Remalie; Past Commander, Geo. W. Keyes.
- " 281, Petersburg. Commander, J. M. Elder; Alternate, F. Runhart.
- " 283, Sunfield. Delegate, W. C. Fay; Past Commander, Wm. Edmons; Past Commander, Clark Richard.
- " 284, Davison. Delegate, James Cooley; Past Commander, A. A. Elmore.
- " 286, Fife Lake. Delegate, Delos Hilton.
- " 287, Cheshire. Past Commander, R. C. Harmon.
- " 288, Lacota. Commander, H. P. Gillespie; Delegate, D. A. Beele; Past Commander, L. H. Dalrymple; Past Commander, E. Dalrymple.
- " 295, Galesburg. Commander, Geo. W. Brown; Delegate, R. B. Mason; Past Commander, D. D. Russell.
- " 302, Byron Center. Delegate, Joe Pettingall; Past Commander, L. L. Hickox; Past Commander, A. M. Green; Past Commander, J. B. Morse.
- " 303, Schoolcraft. Past Commander, Albert Wagar; Delegate, John Gilchrist; Past Commander, Jacob Bauer; Past Commander, M. S. Burson.
- " 307, Saginaw. Past Commander, James T. Hale.
- " 312, Scotts. Commander, C. T. S. Cook; Delegate, Samuel Miller; Past Commander, Abraham Powers; Past Commander, Daniel Gutches.
- " 317, Mattawan. Past Commander, H. Freeman.
- " 318, Northville. Past Commander, S. J. Lawrence.
- " 320, Prairieville. Commander, Geo. Norwood; Delegate, John P. Hart;
- " 324, Crystal. Past Commander, W. J. Griswold.
- " 326, Potterville. Commander, N. O. Merritt; Alternate, John N. Ford; Past Commander, Geo. Carmony.
- " 342, Twin Lake. Commander, James Gardner.
- " 346, Hamilton. Commander, J. C. Holmes.
- " 348, Scottville. Alternate, Chas. Caddington.

- Post No. 350, Sand Lake. Commander, Wellington Rasco.  
 " 352, Manchester. Delegate, Daniel M. Burch.  
 " 354, Palo. Commander, C. A. Richardson; Delegate, Benj. S. Everest.  
 " 357, Gagetown. Commander, Wm. J. Brown.  
 " 360, Palmyra. Alternate, Eli Sevis; Past Commander, W. J. Patterson.  
 " 372, Benzonia. Delegate, Wm. Wilson.  
 " 374, Parma. Delegate, Emory A. Miller; Past Commander, Merritt Peckham.  
 " 382, Lake Odessa. Past Commander S. H. Mallory; Past Commander, Edwin Yarman; Past Commander, Thos. Leak; Past Commander, Wallace Lovewell.  
 " 383, Martin. Commander, W. D. Stayman; Past Commander, Oliver Carruthers.  
 " 384, Detroit. Commander, Thos. S. McGraw; Delegate, A. S. Clark; Delegate, Wm. Winslow; Alternate, Jacob Guthard; Alternate, Geo. C. Wetherbee; Past Commander, O. A. Janes; Past Commander, Henry M. Duffield; Past Commander, Geo. H. Hopkins; Past Commander, Wm. S. Green; Past Commander, Thos. A. Wadsworth; Past Commander, Chas. A. Hampton; Past Commander, Sidney B. Dixon; Past Commander, August Gochel; Past Commander, Marvin Preston; Past Commander, E. S. Jameson.  
 " 388, Allendale. Past Commander, Chas. M. Pansler; Past Commander, Chas. S. Knapp.  
 " 393, Detroit. Past Commander, John Kidder; Past Commander, Chas. Kaufman.  
 " 395, Grand Rapids. Commander, Chas. H. Fox; Delegate, Roswell H. Lee; Alternate, Chas. H. Goodrich; Past Commander, Jas. M. Wood.  
 " 408, Grand Rapids. Commander, Geo. B. Schwab; Delegate, Geo. L. Crosby; Past Commander, G. H. Sherman.  
 " 430, Burt. Delegate, M. W. Webster; Past Commander, John Jackson.  
 " 433, Detroit. Commander, John Devlin; Delegate, Jesse D. Burke; Past Commander, Jas. McC. Miller.  
 " 438, New Lathrop. Delegate, John Delbridge.  
 " 440, Morrice. Alternate, H. Stockin.  
 " 441, Mason. Delegate, Frank Lester; Past Commander, W. W. Root, L. H. Ives.  
 " 451, Reed City. Commander, John H. Freeland; Delegate, Thos. A. Ball; Past Commander, Isaac Grant; Past Commander, "Ren" Barker; Past Commander, Homer Spencer; Past Commander, Aretus Corwin.  
 " 453, Kingston. Delegate, J. B. Hickie.  
 " 455, Montrose. Delegate, John Barber; Past Commander, Wm. H. Baker; Past Commander, David Cross.  
 " 461, Selma. Delegate, Geo. W. Wheeler.

The Department Commander—With the permission of the Encampment, I would like to read a few communications before we enter on the business of the Encampment. A telegram from Past Department Commander Edward C. Anthony:

Negaunee, Mich., June 14, 1904.

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander:

On account of continued illness am unable to be at the Encampment in person, but am with you in spirit.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7—Comrade Pond has prepared a message to Past Department Commander Anthony, and I hope you will permit him to read it, and that it may be sent.

Comrade Pond—One word prior to reading the message. Comrade Anthony, for many months has been laying on a bed of illness, and today he is on his bed with two tubes in his system to take away the poison which eventually must take him from us, and result in his death. Only recently, the mayor of the city of Negaunee, Dr. Hudson, his beloved son-in-law, was taken away. This is the telegram:

Your comrades in annual department gathering, send their sincerest sympathy in your brave fight for life, and extend their condolence in your hour of mourning the loss of a son. Cheer up, dear old boy. We miss you much.

I move you that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to send this immediately, by wire.

Seconded, and unanimously carried.

The Department Commander—Here is another communication, from the W. R. C.:

Battle Creek, June 12, 1904.

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander G. A. R.

The Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Vina E. Redfield, extends to the Department Commander, G. A. R., and his staff and comrades of the Encampment, a cordial invitation to attend a reception given by the Department officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, at Post Tavern, Wednesday evening, from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

By Command of

ANNA E. GRIFFITH,  
Department Secretary.

VINA E. REDFIELD,  
Department President.

The invitation on motion, was accepted.

The Department Commander—The next in order will be the Department Commander's report. The Senior Vice Department Commander not being present, I will ask the Junior Vice Department Commander to take the chair.

The Junior Vice Department Commander took the chair, and the Department Commander read his address, which was as follows:

### COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—We have assembled in the beautiful city of Battle Creek, called “The Queen City of the State,” to hold our twenty-sixth annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic. The unbounded hospitality of its people have already caused us to feel that it is good for us to be here. These Encampments renew the ties of Fraternity with which we were cemented together on the field of battle in defense of our country and flag. These annual gatherings, to those of us who have been attending them, have, as the years pass by, become more and more precious. They bring us thoughts of joy and sorrow; joy, because we are instrumental in saving our Union and making our Nation what it is today; sorrow, when we think of the many thousands of our comrades who gave their lives to accomplish this great work.

Comrades, we are here to transact business for the good of our order and not for any individual benefit. Let us be true to the spirit of our order in transacting the business of the Department.

The summary of membership, as shown by the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, is as follows, viz.:

Membership in good standing December 31, 1902.....	13,716
Membership in good standing December 31, 1903.....	13,168
Showing a total loss in membership of.....	548
Number of Posts December 31, 1902.....	359
Number of Posts December 31, 1903.....	355
Loss in number of Posts.....	4

If these figures indicate anything, it is that the membership is healthy, notwithstanding that time is setting against the veterans of the war. The hand of death has been busy in our ranks during the year 1903, for 414 comrades have died in the twelve months. These figures speak plainly and should be an incentive to us to be more earnest in our work of teaching the coming generation to zealously guard the interests of the Republic and perpetuate our Union.

## FINANCES.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General shows the cash balance on hand in June, 1903, was \$1,490.44, that the receipts from all sources during the year were \$3,021.04, and that the expenses for the same time were \$2,892.00, leaving a cash balance on hand June 14, 1904, of \$1,619.49, a gain for the year of \$129.05.

I have given most careful consideration to the finances of the Department. With a steady decrease in membership, there is a corresponding decrease in revenue. The lessening demand for supplies also shows a falling off in this direction. With these conditions confronting us, it stands us in hand to guard against demands upon our funds. In considering this matter, I am not controlled by a desire to limit the usefulness of any part or work of our Department. On looking over the different reports, I find that expenses for the Department have not been uniform. Believing that the best interest of the Department will be best served by a definite understanding, I would recommend, with the approval of the Department, that in attendance upon the National Encampments all legitimate expenses of the Assistant Adjutant General be paid. The Department also to pay for headquarters' room, a room for the Department Commander and the Assistant Quartermaster General, all other expenses, including board and mounts, to be borne by each individual.

It being necessary for the Assistant Adjutant General to have one or two persons to assist at headquarters during National Encampments, I would recommend that such persons be paid a per diem of \$4.00 for actual time given. A band is one of the indispensable accompaniments at National Encampments, and as no specific sum can be named for this item, I believe the Department should be authorized to make the best possible arrangements having a due regard for the standing of the Department.

I have given careful consideration to the expenses of my Official Staff, and believe the work is being done thoroughly and as economically as possible. I believe, however, that without injury to the efficiency of the Department, the salary of the Assistant Quartermaster General should be reduced to \$50.00 per year and so recommend.



**ALGER FUND.**

This fund remains intact and is deposited by Assistant Quartermaster General in the Holland City State Bank at Holland, Michigan where it is drawing interest at 4 per cent per annum, and can remain in this bank at the rate of 4 per cent, if so desired by the incoming administration.

**MEMORIAL DAY.**

This day of hallowed memories, the day essentially our own, is secure. Its observance has been general throughout the Department. I have no discouraging thought as to its future observance. The line of blue is growing less, and soon the comrades who have paid homage to comrades will have joined the throng who have answered the last roll call. They will be missed from the ranks, but their very absence will strengthen the regard and esteem for the day.

The report of the Department Chaplain gives a full detail of the observance of Memorial Day for year 1903. The Chaplain is to be commended for his zeal in securing reports from all but six posts of the Department. I take pleasure in recommending his report to your careful attention.

It is a painful thought that Memorial Day in many cases is given to sports. This desecration of so sacred a day should receive our earnest condemnation, and every effort should be made to discourage it by creating a public sentiment against such desecration.

It is with sorrow I announce the death of Past Senior Vice Department Commander Joseph C. Bontecue, of Post No. 170, Petoskey, Michigan, who died at his home in Petoskey, March 25, 1904, after a long and painful sickness. Comrade Bontecue was a most energetic Grand Army man, loyal to his comrades, ever willing to do what he could for the good of the order.

**NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS.**

For the second time in its history, the National Encampment was held on the coast of the Pacific Ocean, in August last, in the city of San Francisco. The Headquarters of this Department at the Grand Hotel was thronged with comrades and visitors from early dawn until late at night.

A large number of these visitors were former residents of Michigan now living on the Pacific Coast. They called to extend a welcome to the comrades from their old home, and to look for friends they had not seen for years. The Department of Michigan was well represented in the parade, there being more comrades in line than at the former Encampment held in San Francisco. The Department Commander takes great pleasure in complimenting the comrades for their presence and soldierly appearance. Surely the advancing years have not quenched the martial spirit nor diminished the interest in the annual parade. The proverbial generosity of the good people of San Francisco, and in fact of the whole State, was never more manifest than to the members of the Grand Army at this Encampment. It was a practical exemplification of the injunction "Ask and ye shall receive."

The next National Encampment will be held in the city of Boston, on the week of August 15. I hope the comrades will make a special effort to attend, so that the Department of Michigan will be well represented. Headquarters of this Department will be established at the Brunswick Hotel, where quarters have been secured by request of the Department through the courtesy of Comrade Thomas S. McGraw, Commander of Post No. 384, Detroit, without expense to the Department.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

Two years ago, Comrade T. E. Potter of Post No 42, Lansing, was appointed, by the Commander in Chief, special aide in charge of patriotic instruction in the public schools for the Department of Michigan. He entered upon his work with heart and zeal. After consultation with Past Department Commander Anthony, five prizes were offered by the Department for best essay on "Memorial Day." The pupils generously responded by sending in fifty-eight essays. The Encampment at Muskegon had the pleasure of hearing the essay that was awarded first prize read by its author, Miss Bessie E. Smith of Saginaw. All the essays were of a meritorious character, and a great credit to the pupils of our public schools. The Department Commander with the approval of the Council of Administration paid for these awards out of the general fund. The Commander-in-Chief again appointed Comrade Potter to have charge of this special work for this year. Comrade Potter

made an appeal to the Department for aid in carrying on this work. There being no funds appropriated for this special work, your Commander not feeling justified in using the general fund for this purpose, after consultation with the executive committee, Council of Administration, with their approval decided to make an appeal to the Posts of the Department and patriotic citizens of the State for aid to raise a special fund for this work to be called "Special Fund for Prize Essays." The result of this appeal was that we received \$107.91. The cost of the prizes, printing, postage, etc. was \$86.60, leaving on hand in this special fund \$21.31. The results of this work will be given by Comrade Potter in his report.

This work has been conducted by the Department for the past two years with great success, the object being to encourage the public schools of the State to give their pupils the most effective instruction and training in intelligent and patriotic citizenship.

Therefore, I most heartily recommend that the Department approve and continue this work, by appropriating \$90.00 for this work annually.

To provide for this appropriation, I would recommend that the annual interest received from the Alger Fund be applied to this special fund and that the balance be paid from the General Fund. This fund to be under the control of the Department and treated the same as the General Fund.

#### SOLDIERS' HOME AND WOMANS' ANNEX.

The State of Michigan has honored itself and the defenders of the Union by erecting, and maintaining, at an expense of about \$160 a year for each member, the Soldiers' Home and Womans' Annex, at Grand Rapids. It is a fact not generally known to the comrades, that the general government pays to the State \$100 per year for each comrade in the Home, which money is paid into the State Treasury, so that only about one-third of the cost of maintaining a comrade in the Home is borne by the State, whereas the State bears the entire expense of the women in the Annex.

Ten years ago, it was thought that high water mark in membership had been reached, but on the contrary there has been a steady increase from year to year, and during the past winter the number was larger than ever before, so much so, that it over-taxed the sleeping capacity of both

the Home and the Womans' Annex. It is the opinion of your Commander that to maintain a sanitary condition, more sleeping room should be provided. This matter should receive the careful attention of the Department.

A more complete report of the condition and management will be given by the committee appointed to visit the Home.

#### WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The largest body of women engaged in philanthropic and patriotic work in the world today, is that grand auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps.

With unceasing energy they continue to labor for the welfare and comfort of the veterans of the Civil War. They are a tower of strength to our organization. They are engaged in filling the mind and heart of the coming generations with lessons of loyalty and patriotism which cannot fail of lasting results.

The Commander wishes to express his appreciation and thanks to the Department President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Vina E. Redfield and her staff, and to all the officers and members of the local Corps, for the support they have given the Department and local Posts. A number of Posts in the Department having no Relief Corps, I would advise them to do all in their power to encourage and assist the W. R. C. in organizing a corps for their posts.

#### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

We appreciate the energy of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in their efforts to relieve the needs of destitute comrades and their families, and thank them for their kindness, sympathy and assistance.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

It is a pleasure to the Department to know that the Michigan Division of the Sons of Veterans is holding its Annual Encampment in the city at this time. As Fathers, we are interested in this organization. Our hearts are filled with pride as we see these our boys taking upon themselves the duty of perpetuating the work that we will soon lay down. Their work is but just beginning. They have shown their wisdom and patriotism in the establishment at Mason, Iowa; of the "National Memorial University,"

This university has for its object the teaching of American history, together with the regular academic and college courses, including industrial art for boys and girls. This enterprise is worthy of commendation and should receive the support of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### LEGISLATION.

The coming year being a legislative year, doubtless measures of more or less interest to the comrades of the Grand Army will be before the Legislature.

I believe the time has come when the State should relieve the Department of certain expenses, by furnishing stationery and office supplies, and doing the printing of the Department in the same manner as other offices in the capitol are supplied. I would recommend that this subject be referred to the legislative committee of the incoming administration.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

During my term of office, I have visited several Posts. These visits have been of great pleasure to me in bringing me into closer relations with my comrades. In some of these visits, I have been accompanied by Assistant Adjutant General Comrade Wyckoff, and the Department Inspector Comrade Frank R. Chase, and I feel assured that their presence has been productive of much good. I recall with pleasure our visit to Dewey Post No. 60, at Leslie on the occasion of the dedication of their memorial hall, and which I had the honor to dedicate in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. This Post is to be congratulated in having for their home this beautiful memorial building. My visit to Detroit Post No. 384 for the purpose of installing the Post officers is recalled with pleasurable emotions, and their kindness and generous hospitality will always have a place in sweet memory.

I received a circular which was sent out by one of the Posts of the Department, endorsing a comrade for political office, and endorsed by other Posts. This being an open violation of the Rules and Regulations, I issued a circular letter to the Posts of the Department, calling their attention to this matter and asking them to refrain from all political action as Posts.

We regret that Congress, before adjournment, failed to pass the Service Pension Bill as presented by the National Department. This measure of justice to our comrades should not be allowed to die. The comrades and Posts are urged to renew their efforts with our members in Congress for the passage of this Service Pension Bill.

I am pleased to report that a good feeling of comradeship and harmony prevails throughout the Department. There has been but one Post Court Martial. The Court rendered a verdict of guilty. Your Commander, in review of the case and evidence, and after careful consideration and council, returned the findings of the Court Martial disapproved.

The Department desires to thank the Posts who have responded so generously to the call for aid from Post 78 of Dansville. To those who thus responded is the honor and credit of preserving the Post, which is now in a flourishing condition.

From the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General, it will be seen our membership is steadily decreasing, yet I cannot but feel that if an earnest effort were made by all the Posts of the Department that recruits are still to be had by earnest solicitation. The suspended list is something appalling. The Posts of this Department are carrying on the suspended list 2,744 comrades. I would urge Posts and Officers to energetically enter into the work of reducing this list by the reinstatement of these members.

I extend my warmest thanks to the Department officers, my Official Staff, and members of the Council of Administration, for their hearty cooperation, and the kindness extended to me. I especially thank my Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Fayette Wyckoff, for his kindness and assistance rendered to me, and for his faithful and efficient services to the Department, performed with zeal, economy, and intelligence. His loyal heart goes out in love to his comrades and is ever ready to assist them.

Comrades, a year ago you conferred upon me a great honor which I highly appreciate. It has been my earnest desire to advance the interest of this Department and to make its "Fraternity" more firm. As we grow in years let us become more united in Fraternity and look up to Him with love and faith, who gave us this Grand Republic.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,

June 15, 1904.

Dept. Commander.

The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades Louis Kanitz, Post 7; H. S. Dean, Post 137; C. C. Phillips, Post 19.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The Department Commander—I will appoint the following committees:

Committee on Resolutions—Washington Gardner, Post 210; Michael Brown, Post 294; Thomas S. McGraw, Post 384.

To visit W. R. C.—O. A. Janes, Post 384; R. R. Pealer, Post 72; C. V. R. Pond, Post 2.

To Visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.—C. E. Foote, Post 79; George W. Stone, Post 42; Comrade McKinstry, Post 17.

To Visit the Sons of Veterans—A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5; G. R. Norton, Post 111; W. F. Kimball, Post 14.

The report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, and on motion of Comrade Willson, Post 60, was accepted and adopted without reference. The report is as follows:

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.,  
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Sir and Comrade—The report I have the honor to make to the Department in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic must of necessity be brief.

I was unable to attend the National Encampment at San Francisco and I fear owing to a press of business that may not be put over, that I cannot attend the State Encampment at Battle Creek. I deeply regret this and hope the Commander and Comrades will excuse and pardon this neglect of a duty which I had contemplated performing with so much pleasure. To be compelled to forego that pleasure of meeting the comrades on the occasion of their annual assembling, I assure them is a great disappointment indeed.

I have visited a few Posts during the year, and have found them generally in a prosperous condition and the comrades hopeful and deeply interested in keeping alive as long as possible their organizations. Of course old age with many, and ever increasing infirmities are grievous drawbacks, but the fires of patriotism and devotion to the well being of the order stimulate and encourage them to keep in line until the last roll call sounds. I delivered the

address on Memorial Day at Laketon cemetery, this county, under the direction of Amos E. Steel, Post No. 280, North Muskegon. There was a large attendance and the exercises were of a beautiful and impressive character. It was my privilege to attend a social held by N. H. Ferry, Post No. 3, Whitehall, in honor of a visit from the comrades of Phil Kearny, Post No. 7, Muskegon. The occasion was one long to be remembered by all present. After an hour or two spent in speaking, telling of army experiences and singing patriotic selections, the ladies of the local Relief Corps served a bountiful repast which all enjoyed to the full. The Relief Corps of Ferry Post numbers about seventy members and is a credit to the order.

The Senior Vice Commander notes with sorrow and alarm the great mortality among the comrades during the past year, and the enforced absence from Post meetings in consequence of the fast increasing feebleness among the veterans. Many, very many are merely halting on the confines of two worlds waiting, waiting for the final orders from the great Commander to march on into the silent camping grounds beyond. They will answer to but a few more roll calls on earth, and then will take their places in the ranks of the great majority.

It is high time indeed for Congress to pass a general service pension law if it intends ever to do this act of exact and even justice to the veterans of the greatest war ever waged for the cause of humanity. The order lately issued, No. 78 is a partial relief, but is not a full recognition of the invaluable services rendered by these men.

With thanks to the comrades for the high honor conferred, kind regards to the officers of the Department, one and all, and renewed regrets for my unavoidable absence from the Encampment, I am Sir, yours very truly in F. C. and L.,

S. A. ALDRICH,  
Senior Vice Commander.

Muskegon, June 1, 1904.

The report of the Junior Vice Department Commander was read, and referred to the following committee:

Comrades Keen, Post 384; A. L. Pond, Post 240; S. S. Babcock, Post 17. The report was as follows:



Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department Mich., G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade—The Junior Vice Commander for the past year begs leave to submit the following report:

I attended the National Encampment held in San Francisco in August last and in the absence of the Chief of Staff had the honor to be appointed by Department Commander Van Raalte to act in that capacity in the parade held in that city and right here I wish to enter a protest on behalf of my comrades on the length of parades which have been inflicted on the Grand Army in late years through thoughtlessness of local committees but which could not have been carried out were it not for the acquiescence of the Commander-in-Chief. Though individually mounted, I still found the march a tedious and tiresome one and my heartfelt sympathies went out to my less fortunate comrades who with the proverbial grit of the old soldiers of the G. A. R. plodded over that weary five miles, a large part of the way over rough stone pavements.

I would recommend to this Encampment that a formal protest be sent to the National Encampment against making their parades so long as to be injurious to the boys who are no longer young, but still willing and who would rather many of them, drop in the ranks than fall out.

I had planned visits to several reunions and other gatherings of the comrades the past winter, but ill health compelled me to forego these trips which would have been a most pleasant duty, but I was obliged to remain quietly at home.

At the last Encampment, at Muskegon I reported as chairman of a Committee named at Pontiac the previous year, our entire success in appealing to the Legislature of our State for an appropriation to erect a monument at Andersonville to the Michigan soldiers who suffered and died there. The report of the Committee was accepted and Committee discharged.

Supplemental to that report I wish to state that I had the honor to be named by our comrade, Governor Bliss, a member of the Commission to carry out the wishes of the Legislature in erecting the monument and was elected president of that body. We were most fortunate in having submitted a most beautiful and classical design by Lloyd Bros. Co. of Toledo and their plans were accepted, the





**E. S. JAMESON.**  
Junior Vice Department Commander.

monument built, erected and on Memorial Day last was formally dedicated and turned over to the Executive of the State in the presence of his staff, the Commission, and prominent members of the Senate, Legislature and a large concourse of visitors. The unveiling being done by Mrs. A. T. Bliss, the wife of the Governor and a prominent representative of that grand body of women, the W. R. C. who have purchased the old prison pen and to whom the country owes an eternal debt of gratitude in preserving that historic spot.

In conclusion I am most proud and happy to inform this Encampment that its wishes have been carried out to the letter. A monument has been erected to our martyred comrades who suffered in that "hell-hole." A monument exceeding in ornate beauty, in imperishable granite any monument so far erected at Andersonville. One of which every one from Michigan can point with just pride and with no fear that anything more beautiful will be hereafter erected to eclipse its stately grandeur.

With sincere thanks to the Department Commander and my fellow officers of this Department for their universal courtesy and kindness to me at all times, I am most sincerely and fraternally yours in F. C. and L.,

E. S. JAMESON.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was read and referred to the following committee:

Comrades John R. Bennett, Post 7; John W. McCrath, post 5; D. J. Willson, Post 48.

#### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
BATTLE CREEK, MICH., JUNE 41, 1904.

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander:

Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of this Department a detailed report of the transactions of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General during your administration.

## MEMBERSHIP.

Reports sent to National Headquarters during your term of office as consolidated from the semi-annual reports sent in by the Posts of this Department, are as follows:

	Posts. Members.
Number in good standing December 31, 1902.....	359 13,716

Term ending June 30, 1903.

Gains:		Posts. Members.
By muster.....	2	189
By transfer.....		114
By reinstatement.....		202
By reinstatement from delinquent reports..	2	64

Total gain.....	4	569
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Aggregate.....	363	14,285
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Losses:

By death.....	201
By honorable discharge.....	29
By transfer.....	81
By suspension.....	265

Total loss.....	576
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Number remaining in good standing end of first term.....	363	13,709
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Term ending December 31, 1903.

Gains:		
By muster in.....	1	125
By transfer .....		71
By reinstatement.....		122

Total gain.....	1	318
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Aggregate.....	364	14,027
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Losses:

By death.....	213
By honorable discharge.....	21
By transfer.....	88
By suspension.....	396
By delinquent reports.....	8 110
By surrender of charter.....	1 31

Total loss.....	9	859
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Number remaining in good standing.....	355	13,168
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The total gain in membership from all sources during the year has been 887, while the total losses from all sources has been 1435; a net loss for the year of four Posts and 548

members. Deducting the loss by death, which was 414, we have a loss of 134 above the death rate.

I again call the attention of the Encampment to the suspended list as reported by the Posts of the Department. The number of suspended members on the rolls of the Posts is 2,744. This is over twenty per cent of our membership in good standing. What would be the result if these 2,744 comrades now on the suspended list could be reinstated and brought into active relationship with the members of the Posts.

During the year charters were issued to three Posts, viz.:

Post 405, Perrington, reorganized.

Post 460, Saugatuck.

Post 461, Selma.

Reinstated from delinquents:

Post 244, Almont.

Post 444, Cadillac.

The following Posts have been reported as delinquent

December 31, 1903:

Post 70, Bad Axe.

Post 192, Laingsburg.

Post 244, Almont.

Post 299, Crystal Valley.

Post 305, Fenwick.

Post 306, Casnovia.

Post 315, New Buffalo.

Post 334, Fremont.

Surrendered charter:

Post 375, Saginaw.

There has been expended for relief by the Posts of the Department \$790.91. I fear the Posts are not reporting all the relief given. The Posts and Department should have credit for all the work they are doing in this direction.

#### DEPARTMENT FINANCES.

The cash receipts coming into my hands were as follows:

From per capita tax, first term.....	\$1,359 50
From per capita tax, second term.....	1,317 10
Total per capita tax.....	\$2,676 60
From charter fee.....	10 00
From Commander and Staff for horses.....	17 50
From sales of supplies.....	291 49
From other sources.....	35
Total.....	\$2,995 94

All of which have been accounted for to the Assistant Quartermaster General, P. H. McBride, as his receipts on file at Headquarters will show.

The receipts as compared with one year ago show a falling off as follows:

The decrease in receipts for per capita tax was \$100.20, Charters \$10.00, and for supplies \$58.61, a falling off of receipts below last year of \$168.81. Notwithstanding this decrease in revenue, we are able to show an increase in general fund on hand, \$129.05. This will be more fully set forth in the Assistant Quartermaster General's report.

In the appeal for aid for Post 78 there has come into my hands as donations from 47 Posts \$67.33. \$66.33 has been turned over to the Post, leaving in my hands a balance of \$1.00 yet to be sent them.

An appeal was made to raise a special fund to assist in the work of civics and patriotic education in the public schools. In response to this appeal there came into my hands \$107.91, received from the following sources: Eleven Posts contributed \$19.50; six patriotic citizens added \$34.00 more. The R. A. Alger G. A. R. Staff Association, through Past Department Commander H. S. Dean, contributed \$54.41.

This fund has also been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General in vouchers and cash. The names of donors to this fund will appear in detail in the Encampment Journal.

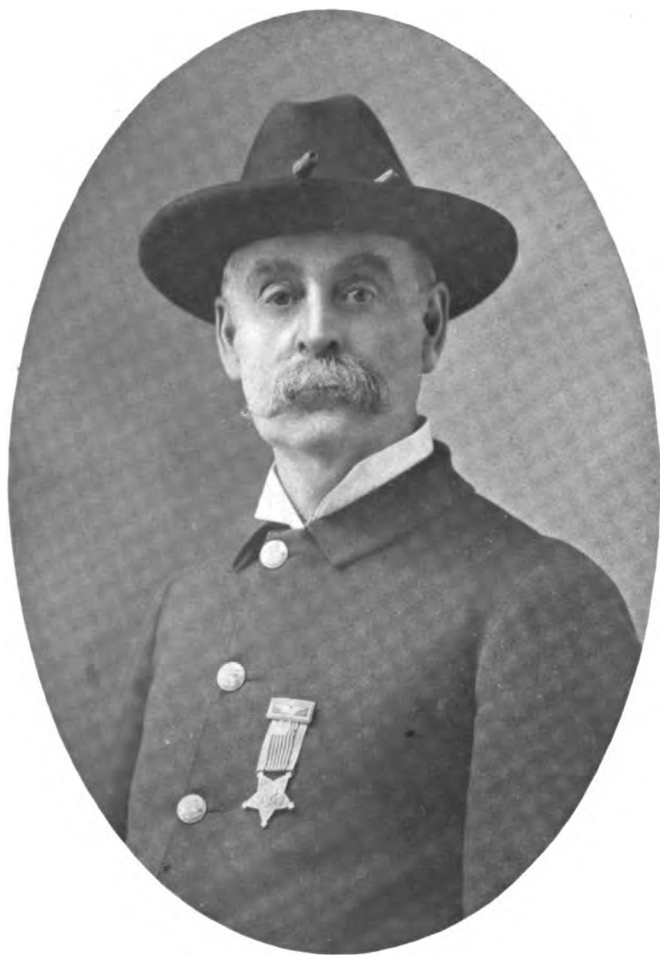
The good accomplished by the use of this money among the pupils of our schools, in the award of prizes etc., for essays on patriotic subjects is beyond measure.

The value of Post supplies on hand as inventoried amounts to \$93.29.

The value of Department property as approved by the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration is \$138.50.

From the reports of the Posts of the Department as compiled for the term ending December 31, 1903, we find the following showing as to the amount of property, cash and other items belonging to the Posts of the Department.

Cash in Post relief funds.....	\$1,623 57
Cash in Post general funds.....	11,005 34
Value of real estate.....	45,186 51
Estimated value of other property.....	40,322 52
Making a grand-total of.....	\$98,137 94



**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Assistant Adjutant General.





### RELIEF.

I again call the attention of Post officers to the small amount of relief as shown on the reports and which for want of better showing must go in the reports to National Department, there to be compared with other Departments, much to our disadvantage.

### REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Encampment will choose one representative and one alternate at large, and eighteen representatives and eighteen alternates, upon a basis of one representative and one alternate for each 750 members or major fraction thereof, to represent this department at the thirty-eighth National Encampment to be held at Boston, Mass., August 15-20, 1904.

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

There has been two meetings of the Council of Administration, and two meetings of the Executive Committee of that body. The proceedings of which are attached to this report.

### REVISED BLUE BOOK AND RULES AND REGULATIONS.

During the year the National Department, through its committee, has revised the Blue Book and the Rules and Regulations. There has been some delay in getting the editions from the printer, but all orders sent in have been filled. Posts that have not done so should supply themselves with copies of these latest editions. They are indispensable to a proper understanding of rules governing our order.

### JOURNAL.

I regret that the Journals of the thirty-sixth National Encampment did not arrive in time for distribution at Muskegon. They were received about a week after that Encampment closed. As but few copies were called for in response to notice in general orders No. 2, they are being distributed at this Encampment. As the supply is limited, only one copy will be given to each Post. The Journals of the thirty-seventh National Encampment are being distributed by the Credentials Committee.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

Owing to the early date of the National Encampment, the Adjutant General has asked that reports be in his hands by July 15. This gives your Assistant Adjutant General less than a month to receive, consolidate and make his report. I urge upon the Post officers the necessity of promptness in sending in the reports for the term ending June 30, 1904. Blanks were sent to all Post Adjutants May 23.

## CONCLUSION.

This is the account of my stewardship Commander for the year 1903. I leave it with you with a consciousness that I have tried to do my duty. If my efforts have been successful or not, it is for you and the Comrades to determine. Appreciating the high honor which you conferred upon me in appointing me to the position of Assistant Adjutant General, I hereby most sincerely tender my profound thanks for your confidence thus shown. Our relations have been most fraternal and my esteem for yourself has been increased to a manifold degree by your courteous forbearance with me on all occasions. I wish to thank the Assistant Quartermaster General for his kindness and earnest effort to serve the interests of the Department.

I sincerely thank the officers of your official staff, one and all, for the uniform courtesy and goodwill shown me during the past year in my dealings and associations with them.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, MUSKEGON, JUNE 15, 1903.

Meeting called to order by Commander D. B. K. Van Raalte.

## Present:

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander.  
S. A. Aldrich, Senior Vice Department Commander.  
Edward S. Jameson, Junior Vice Department Commander.  
S. M. Kent, Council of Administration.  
D. H. Grow, Council of Administration.  
John Devlin, Council of Administration.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

The Department Commander appointed the following Executive Committee of the Council of Administration:

O. Tomlinson, Post 269, Plainwell.  
S. M. Kent, Post 5, Grand Rapids.  
John Devlin, Post 433, Detroit.

It was moved and supported that the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at \$1,000, and the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General at \$3,000, the premium to be paid by the Department. Which motion prevailed.

In view of the early session the National Encampment it was moved and seconded that the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized, if found necessary in making the reports to the National Department for the first term ending June 30, 1903, that in order to save reporting a large list of delinquent Posts, they be authorized to advance the per capita tax on such Posts, as in their judgment may be best. Motion carried.

After an informal talk on the good of the order, the Council, on motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Approved: Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, FEBRUARY 17, 1904. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration met in Department Headquarters at 1 o'clock p. m.

Present:

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander in the chair.  
P. H. McBride, Assistant Quartermaster General.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
S. M. Kent, Council of Administration.  
John Devlin, Council of Administration.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee proceeded to audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Five-thirty p. m. took a recess until 7:30 p. m. to meet at the Hudson House.

Committee met at the Hudson House at the appointed time, Comrade Potter, special aide in charge of patriotic education, presented the needs of the work to the committee. After an informal discussion and in order to carry out the work as suggested by the chief aide, it was decided to make an appeal to the Posts of the Department for contributions to create a special fund to carry on this work, and that patriotic citizens be invited to aid in creating this fund.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to issue an appeal to the Posts of the Department. At 9:30 the committee took a recess until 8:30 a. m., February 18.

February 18, the committee met at 8:30 and proceeded with the work of auditing the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General.

This work being finished, Comrade Devlin moved and it was seconded by Comrade Kent. Having thoroughly examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, we find the same to be correct.

Motion carried.

The matter of printing the Roster of the Department for 1904 being brought before the committee, the proposal of Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co. being the lowest viz., \$57.00 for 500 copies, the Assistant Adjutant General

was instructed to arrange with them for the printing of the Roster.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to engage a stenographer to take the minutes of the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment and write the same for the printer.

A motion was made and carried that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to pay the expenses of the members of the committee and officers, in attending this meeting, as per vouchers rendered.

The frame containing the photographs of the Past Department Commanders being full, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to procure an additional frame for Photographs of Department Commanders.

Blank commissions for staff and aide-de-camps having been exhausted, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to procure from one to two hundred new blank commissions.

The action of the Department Commander in inviting the Commander-in-Chief to visit the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment was approved.

The date for holding the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment to be held at Battle Creek was fixed for June 14, 15, 16, 1904.

At 12:30 on motion the committee adjourned subject to call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 POST TAVERN, BATTLE CREEK, JUNE 14, 1904. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration met in room 234 of Post Tavern.

Present:

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander.  
 P. H. McBride, Assistant Quartermaster General.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
 O. Tomlinson, Executive Committee, Council of Administration.  
 S. M. Kent, Executive Committee, Council of Administration.  
 John Devlin, Executive Committee, Council of Administration.

The Executive Committee proceeded to audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and found the same correct.

It was moved and carried that the railroad fare and hotel expenses of the Executive Committee in attending this call be paid.

Committee adjourned to meet with Council of Administration as the time had arrived for such meeting.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Approved: Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 ROOM 234, POST TAVERN, BATTLE CREEK, 3 P. M. }

The Council of Administration met pursuant to call of the Department Commander.

Present:

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander.  
 Edward S. Jameson, Junior Vice Department Commander.  
 W. W. Root, Medical Director.  
 Rev. Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain.  
 P. H. McBride, Assistant Quartermaster General.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
 Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector.  
 O. Tomlinson, Council of Administration.  
 John Devlin, Council of Administration.  
 S. M. Kent, Council of Administration.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Executive Committee reported that they had examined the accounts and reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and find the same correct, as follows:

Cash balance on hand at commencement of this administration.....	\$1,490 44
Received from all sources.....	3,021 05

Total.....	\$4,511 49
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That there has been expended.....	2,892 00
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Leaving a balance on hand—In general fund.....	\$1,619 49
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That in the Alger fund, there was received from former administrator.....	\$982 23
Interest on same.....	39 29

Making total in fund.....	\$1,021 52
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Also a balance on hand of the special prize essay fund.....	\$21 31
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The Assistant Adjutant General reported the amount of supplies on hand at headquarters in Lansing, Mich., inventoried \$93.29.

Report was accepted.

The Assistant Adjutant General reported the following Department property on hand at the following valuation:

One silk flag (new).....	\$35 00
One Union Jack.....	12 00
One Department banner.....	30 00
One typewriter (old).....	35 00
One letter scale.....	1 50
One Department seal.....	2 00
One numbering machine.....	10 00
One duplicator.....	4 00
One old bunting flag.....	
One letter press.....	1 00
One frame for Department Commander's photos.....	8 00
Total valuation.....	\$138 50

On motion the valuation of the Department property as presented by Assistant Adjutant General was adopted.

On motion the Council of Administration adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Approved: Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.



The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades J. O. Probasco, Post 100; G. T. Larned, Post 79; Charles Pausler, Post 388. The report was as follows:

TO FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Battle Creek, Mich., June 15, 1904.

Sir—In compliance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to herewith submit my report of all the business transactions, moneys received and distributed, in the office of the Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. during the past year.

The total sum received in the general fund during the year from all sources was \$4,511.49, of which \$1,490.44 was turned over by Past Assistant Quartermaster General Blanchard, leaving the total sum received from all other sources during the year, \$3,021.05. The expenditures for all purposes during the year was \$2,892.00, leaving a balance in cash in the general fund of \$1,619.49.

During the year there was a new fund created for prize essays, and there was received for such fund during the year, \$107.91, of which there has been expended \$86.60, leaving a balance in said fund of \$21.31.

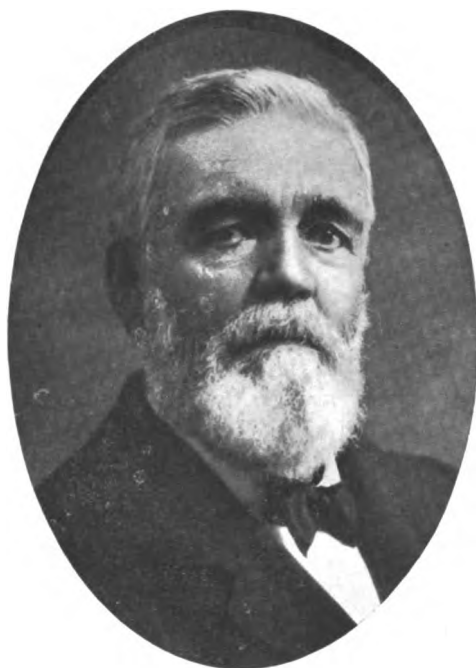
There was received of the Alger fund from Past Assistant Quartermaster General Blanchard \$982.23, and since then interest has been paid on said fund amounting to \$39.29, leaving in said fund \$1,021.52.

Seven hundred dollars of the general fund was deposited June 24, 1903, with the Holland City State Bank of Holland, Michigan, which certificate bears interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, and if the certificate is allowed to remain in said bank until June 24, 1904, there will be \$28 interest on same, to be applied to the general fund.

The Alger fund is on deposit with said bank since October 16, 1903. If this fund is permitted to remain where it is until October 16, 1904, it will draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

P. H. McBRIDE,  
Assistant Quartermaster General,  
Dept. Mich. G. A. R.



**P. H. McBRIDE.**  
Assistant Quartermaster General.



P. H. McBRIDE, ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
<b>1903.</b>		
June 24	By cash from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen., C. D. Blanchard	\$1,490 44
June 29	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	350 40
July 11	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	320 60
July 29	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	258 60
Dec. 24	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	69 05
<b>1904.</b>		
Jan. 7	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	339 10
Jan. 10	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	200 00
Jan. 21	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	300 80
Feb. 13	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	151 58
June 14	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff	50 82
	Transferred from special prize essay fund account of vouchers Nos. 39 and 40	25 10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,556 49</b>
<b>1903.</b>		
	Vouchers received as cash from Asst. Adj. Gen.:	
July 11	Vouchers No. 1 to 5, inclusive	\$92 74
July 29	Vouchers No. 6 to 10, inclusive	180 55
Sept. 13	Vouchers No. 11 to 17, inclusive	193 61
Dec. 24	Vouchers No. 18 to 24, inclusive	104 29
<b>1904.</b>		
Jan. 7	Vouchers No. 25 and 26	69 47
Jan. 21	Vouchers No. 27 to 29, inclusive	63 39
Feb. 13	Vouchers No. 30 and 31	49 13
Mar. 4	Vouchers No. 32 to 34, inclusive	98 17
Mar. 9	Vouchers No. 35 to 40, inclusive	58 68
June 7	Vouchers No. 41 to 44, inclusive	44 97
	<b>Total vouchers</b>	<b>\$955 00</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>\$4,511 49</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Vou. No.	Claim.	Amount.
<b>1903.</b>			
July 11	1	Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, account 25th Department Encampment	\$21 75
July 11	2	Half month's salary A. A. G., June 15-30	45 83
July 11	3	Premium on indemnity bond A. A. G.	5 00
July 11	4	H. Stalker, printing circular No. 1	1 50
July 11	5	Office expenses A. A. G.	18 66
July 20	A	Per capita tax first term, National Department	241 03
July 22	B	Jos. K. Davison, badges "San Francisco"	44 00
July 29	6	Supplies from Q. M. Gen.	51 48
July 29	7	James H. Emery, reporting proceedings 25th Encampment	50 00
July 29	8	Salary A. A. G., July 1 to 15	45 84
July 29	9	Office expenses A. A. G.	18 23
July 29	10	Premium on indemnity bond, A. Q. M. G.	15 00
Aug. 5	C	Expense 37th National Encampment, San Francisco	141 55

## DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Vou. No.	Claim.	Amount.
<b>1903.</b>			
Aug. 22	D	Hotel Grand, headquarters, San Francisco.....	\$137 00
Sept. 13	11	Salary A. A. G., July 15 to 31.....	45 83
Sept. 13	12	Supplies Q. M. G.....	2 25
Sept. 13	13	Office expenses A. A. G.....	11 76
Sept. 13	14	Salary A. A. G., Aug. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Sept. 13	15	Salary A. A. G., Aug. 15 to 31.....	45 83
Sept. 13	16	Jos. K. Davison for Past Department Com- manders badge.....	35 00
Sept. 13	17	Office expenses A. A. G.....	7 10
Sept. 19	E	Salary A. A. G., Sept. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Sept. 30	F	Salary A. A. G., Sept. 16 to 30.....	45 83
Oct. 12	G	Salary A. A. G., Oct. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Oct. 31	H	Salary A. A. G., Oct. 16 to 31.....	45 83
Oct. 31	I	Supplies Q. M. G.....	20 55
Nov. 19	J	Salary A. A. G., Nov. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Dec. 2	K	Salary A. A. G., Nov. 16 to 30.....	45 83
Dec. 24	L	Printing and stationery, Robt. Smith Ptg. Co.....	89 85
Dec. 24	M	Supplies Q. M. G.....	33 65
Dec. 24	18	Office expenses A. A. G.....	22 92
Dec. 24	19	H. H. Stalker, printing circular letter, Chaplain.....	1 00
Dec. 24	20	Supplies from Crotty Bros.....	1 50
Dec. 24	21	Postage, Chaplain Putnam.....	2 25
Dec. 24	22	Office expenses A. A. G.....	27 78
Dec. 24	23	Salary A. A. G., Dec. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Dec. 24	24	Proof reading on Journal.....	3 00
<b>1904.</b>			
Jan. 7	25	Office expenses A. A. G.....	23 64
Jan. 7	26	Salary A. A. G., Dec. 16 to 31.....	45 83
Jan. 14	N	Supplies Q. M. G.....	10 26
Jan. 21	27	Engrossing memorial resolutions (Long).....	1 40
Jan. 21	28	Salary A. A. G., Jan. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Jan. 21	29	Office expenses A. A. G.....	16 15
Feb. 10	O	Salary A. Q. M. G., one-half year.....	50 00
Feb. 13	30	Salary A. A. G., Jan. 16 to 31.....	45 83
Feb. 13	31	Flowers sent to Past Commander Anthony.....	3 30
Feb. 18	P	Expense attending meeting Ex. Com. (Kent).....	15 65
Feb. 18	Q	Expense attending meeting Ex. Com. (Devlin).....	8 54
Feb. 18	R	Expense attending meeting Ex. Com. (McBride).....	10 00
Feb. 18	S	Expense meeting Ex. Com. (VanRaalte).....	9 15
Mar. 4	32	Salary A. A. G., Feb. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Mar. 4	33	Office expenses A. A. G.....	6 50
Mar. 4	34	Salary A. A. G., Feb. 16 to 29.....	45 83
Mar. 11	T	Supplies Q. M. G.....	12 50
Mar. 15	U	Salary A. A. G., March 1 to 15.....	45 84
Mar. 15	U $\frac{1}{2}$	Per capita tax to National Department, second term.....	230 44
Mar. 20	V	Supplies Q. M. G.....	17 40
Mar. 30	W	Supplies Q. M. G.....	7 75
April 3	X	Salary A. A. G., March 16 to 31.....	45 83
April 16	Y	Salary A. A. G., April 1 to 15.....	45 84
April 16	Z	Printing Roster 1904 (Canfield).....	60 00
April 30	&	Salary A. A. G., April 16 to 30.....	45 83
May 9	& $\frac{1}{2}$	Supplies Q. M. G.....	24 65
May 9	35	Office supplies, Crotty Bros.....	90
May 9	36	Supplies, returned from Post 262.....	1 10
May 9	37	Office expenses A. A. G.....	16 60
May 9	38	Office expenses A. A. G.....	14 98
May 9	39	H. H. Stalker printing circular and envelops, Patriotic instruction.....	11 00
May 9	40	Expense postage, etc., Patriotic Instruction.....	14 10
May 17	A1	Salary A. A. G., May 1 to 15.....	45 84
May 30	B1	Salary A. A. G., May 16 to 31.....	45 83
June 4	C1	Printing and stationery, Robt. Smith Ptg. Co.....	88 35
June 7	41	Office expenses A. A. G.....	19 10
June 7	42	Expense two trips to Battle Creek A. A. G.....	5 60

## DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Vou. No.	Claim.	Amount.
1904.			
June 7	43	Office expenses A. A. G.....	\$15 65
June 7	44	Postage, etc., Department Inspector Chase.....	4 62
June 9	D1	Salary A. Q. M. G., six months.....	50 00
June 14	E1	Expense to 26th Dept. Encampment, A. A. G..	4 04
June 14	F1	Salary A. A. G., June 1 to 15.....	45 80
June 14	G1	Expense meeting Executive Committee, C. of A. (Tomlinson).....	2 75
June 14	H1	Expense meeting Executive Committee, C. of A. (Devlin).....	10 17
June 14	I1	Expense meeting Executive Committee, C. of A. (Kent).....	9 50
June 14	J1	Expense Credentials Committee (Coffinberry)...	5 00
June 14	K1	Expense Credentials Committee (Chapin).....	7 40
Total disbursements.....			\$2,892 00

## DISBURSEMENTS CONSOLIDATED.

Disbursements.	Amount.
Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, expense 25th Department Encampment	\$21 75
Expense 37th National Encampment, San Francisco.....	278 55
Expense Credentials Committee, Battle Creek.....	12 40
Paid stenographer for 25th Department Encampment.....	50 00
Jos. K. Davison, bronze badges, San Francisco.....	44 00
Guaranty Fidelity Co., premiums.....	20 00
Badge for Past Department Commander.....	35 00
Proof reading on Journal.....	3 00
Per capita tax to National Headquarters.....	471 47
Printing roster for 1904.....	60 00
Expense Executive Committee, Lansing.....	43 34
Expense Executive Committee, Battle Creek.....	22 42
Supplies from Quartermaster General and others.....	183 99
Expense Battle Creek and return twice A. A. G.....	5 60
Printing—General orders, envelopes and stationery.....	192 20
Assistant Adjutant General, salary.....	1,100 00
Assistant Q. M. General, salary.....	100 00
Office expenses, headquarters.....	45 35
Postage, headquarters.....	202 93
Total.....	\$2,892 00
Balance cash on hand.....	1,619 49
Total.....	\$4,511 49
ALGER FUND.	
June 24. Received from Assistant Q. M. General Blanchard.....	\$982 23
Oct. 24. Interest on same.....	39 29
Total.....	\$1,021 52

## SPECIAL PRIZE ESSAY FUND.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
<b>1904.</b>	Contributions received by Assistant Adjutant General and turned over to Assistant Q. M. General:	
Mar. 1	From Col. T. E. Potter, Lansing.....	\$10 00
Mar. 24	From Post 101.....	1 00
Mar. 31	From Post 87.....	1 00
Mar. 31	From Post 133.....	75
April 1	From Post 384.....	5 00
April 7	From Assistant Q. M. General McBride.....	2 00
April 8	From Hon. Don M. Dickenson.....	10 00
April 8	From Post 1.....	1 00
April 15	From members of Post 408.....	2 75
April 18	From Post 262.....	1 00
April 23	From Post 2.....	1 00
April 27	From Post 42.....	3 00
May 7	From Hon. Fred M. Warner.....	5 00
May 9	From Post 377.....	1 00
May 13	From Major Geo. H. Hopkins.....	5 00
May 13	From H. S. Dean and others, members of R. A. Alger G. A. R. staff Association.....	54 41
May 14	From Judge J. B. Moore.....	2 00
May 17	From Post 18, Traverse City.....	2 00
	<b>Total received.....</b>	<b>\$107 91</b>
	<b>Disbursements.</b>	
May 14	Voucher No. 101, H. H. Stalker, printing circular and envelopes.....	\$4 00
May 21	Voucher No. 102, Jos. K. Davison, prize medals.....	57 50
	Transferred to general fund account of vouchers 39 and 40.....	25 10
	<b>Total disbursements.....</b>	<b>\$86 60</b>
	<b>Balance cash on hand.....</b>	<b>21 30</b>
		<b>\$107 90</b>

Comrade Schneider, Post 42, moved to take a recess until 2 p. m. Lost.

The report of the Medical Director was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades Brundage, Post 7; W. D. Brainard, Post 111; Isaac Grant, Post 451.

The report was as follows:

# HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

OFFICE OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR,  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
MASON, JUNE 10, 1904.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report as Medical Director of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1903:

Number of deaths during the term.....	311
Number who presumably died from wounds received in the service.....	13
Number who presumably died from disease contracted in the service.....	83
Number who presumably died from other causes.....	215
Number of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge.....	47
The reasonable money value of such services.....	\$344 00
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	91
The reasonable money value of such services.....	423 00
Money value of medicine and surgical appliances furnished for above by physician, or by Post, or relief corps, or by other organizations.....	175 00
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies.....	\$942 00
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving a pension.....	16

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this Department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Number on duty and excused in quarters, men.....	675
Number in hospital, men.....	138
Total men present.....	813
Number A. W. L. and A. W. O. L., men.....	187
Total membership, men.....	1,000



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Number on duty and excused, women.....	50
Number in hospital, women.....	26
<b>Total number of women present.....</b>	<b>76</b>
Number A. W. L. and A. W. O. L., women.....	19
<b>Total membership of women.....</b>	<b>95</b>
Total number present.....	889
Total number A. W. L. and A. W. O. L.....	206
<b>Total membership.....</b>	<b>1,095</b>
Number of deaths for the year ending December 31, 1903, men.....	116
Number of deaths for the year ending December 31, 1903, women.....	14
<b>Total number.....</b>	<b>130</b>
Appropriations by the State legislature for the support of the Home, for the six months ending June 30, 1903.	\$62,000 00
For the six months ending December 31, 1903.....	67,437 50
<b>Total appropriation.....</b>	<b>\$129,437 50</b>

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The general government pays \$100 for the support of each disabled volunteer soldier that is an inmate of the Home. The average number of veterans present for the year ending December 31, 1903, was 739, so the amount would be \$73,900, which is paid directly to the State Treasury. This report shows a large advance in the death rate over previous years which is destined to increase as the years go by. This fact is very suggestive. Only a few more decades at the longest will there be any comrades to answer to roll call, but all will have received their final muster out papers and joined the army of the great beyond. Of the 368 Posts of this Department, I have only received reports from 201, therefore the statistics are not complete and reliable. I have done the best I could with the figures at my command. In submitting my annual report, I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the comrades of this Department for the honor conferred by electing me for the fourth time to the responsible position of Medical Director. On retiring from my official position, I shall always remember with pleasure the courtesies and kindnesses shown me, not by the commanders and members of their staff alone, but by the comrades generally, the men who helped to save the best and greatest government on earth.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM W. ROOT,

Medical Director, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

The report of the Department Chaplain was read.  
The report was as follows:

Lansing, Mich., June 13, 1904.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I herewith take pleasure in rendering to you my report as Chaplain of this Department for the year 1903.

Number of Posts in Department last year.....	361
Number of reports received from Posts.....	355
Number of Sunday Memorial services attended.....	342
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	340
Number of Veterans who preached sermons to Posts.....	28
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached to Posts.....	33
Number of Veterans reported present at these services....	9,664
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	349
Number of comrades participating in this observance.....	13,294
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated....	1,146
Number of graves of Comrades decorated.....	22,539
Number of graves without proper headstones.....	2,314
Number of public schools participating in Decoration Day	5,435
Number of pupils who participated.....	41,307
Number of other organizations that participated.....	434
Number of posts that had public addresses delivered.....	299
Number of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	71
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	33
Number of Posts owning burial plots.....	175

These items include all the subjects called for in these memorial reports; with an invitation to suggest any improvements in these services. In reply to which quite general indignation is expressed that the day so solemn and sacred to us, should be devoted by so many of our people, especially young men, in a most unpatriotic and irreverent manner, to trivial games and amusements. And pathetic appeals are made to have this desecration stopped if possible.

It is gratifying to know that this great "Festival of our dead" was properly observed by the Posts of this Department with very few exceptions, cordially assisted and participated in by our people generally, the public schools, and a large number of other civic and military organizations, to the gratification and encouragement of the Posts, who did not fail to appreciate it.

These annual services are precious to memory and history. They cost much labor, time and expense. And it is to be

regretted that after it is all faithfully and nobly done any Post, however small and weak, should fail to report to this Department their part, however small, in this gracious and grateful work.

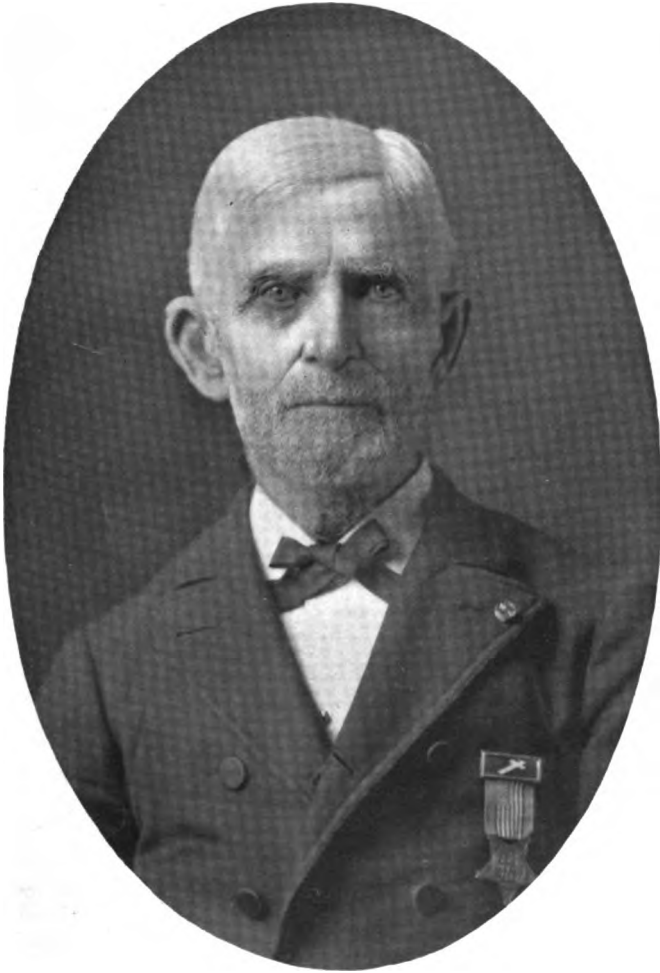
Could every comrade, participating in Memorial services, look upon them, while being performed, as if *done for himself*, as they soon will be for some of us, they would possess an emphasis, a sacred impressiveness and significance not to be forgotten; placing them in the front rank of memory, gratitude and honor, and exalting them to a record and report worthy of their object, and those for whom these services are rendered.

Could I gain the ear of every comrade whose privilege and duty it is to report in behalf of his Post, I would encourage him by every public and patriotic consideration not to fail to do promptly and faithfully his full duty, in making the best showing possible on his part, of the work of this great patriotic anniversary, so sacred to the hearts and homes of millions of our people.

From the warm, earnest words of our present Commander-in-Chief at Pontiac two years ago, I was led to regard our Memorial reports, especially as to the number of graves of comrades decorated with flags and flowers, as of much more than local or State importance, possessing an interest as broad as the Nation, as far reaching as the most extended ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as great as the sacrifice of life laid on our country's altar. With this estimate of the historical value of these Memorial reports and the statistics derived from them, I have made repeated and persistent efforts, almost throughout the past year, up into March last, to obtain every report possible. The result has been that on the basis of the number of Posts one year ago, I have obtained reports from all but 6. And on the basis of the number of Posts this year, I have obtained reports from every one.

Living where I could have ready access to Department headquarters, I have availed myself of facilities and aid kindly afforded me there by the Assistant Adjutant General, to reach so fair a degree of success in placing these Memorial statistics before you today, and submitting them for your consideration.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.



REV. WM. PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.



Comrade Foote, Post 79—Commander, as a mark of respect and courtesy to our Chaplain, I move you that we adopt that report without reference to a committee.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Alger—Every year I get a letter asking what shall be done with the Alger fund. It seems to me to be astray. I wish to say to the Encampment that is not right. It should never have been called after my name. It belongs to the Department to do whatever you wish. I wish to say this: if I had turned over what little I had originally to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, to take care of it for me in my old days, it would have been a good thing.

The Department Commander—I would say in response to Gen. Alger that the fund is still in safe keeping, but I have made a recommendation relating to it, with regard to its use in patriotic instruction. I have recommended to this Department that they use the annual interest for that purpose.

Comrade Alger—Yes, sir. I have nothing to say to that.

Comrade Gooble, Post 384—Mr. Commander, our good old friend approves of everything that the Department does, and what our good old friend Alger says is right.

Comrade Alger—I am not old.

Comrade Gooble—I am talking for the other democrats here.

The report of the Judge Advocate General was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades R. R. Pealer, Post 72; R. D. Dix, Post 39; M. D. Merrifield, Post 88. The report was as follows:

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Michigan, G. A. R., Lansing, Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor to report that nothing of special importance to the Order at large has occurred in my Department during the past year.

A few questions concerning construction of Rules and Regulations and practice under same have been presented by officers of Posts in several parts of the State for opinion of Judge Advocate. The same are included in this report.

To an inquiry from Wagner Post 261, through your office, under date of November 2, ult., asking an opinion as to scope of the amendment to Rules and Regulations relative to reinstatement of dropped members the Judge

Advocate held that Article IX, Thirty-seventh National Encampment, amending Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 4, did not apply to case of reinstatement of comrade to same Post from which he had been dropped on payment of muster fee. The language of the amendment quoted being "A comrade may be reinstated in a Post other than that from which he was dropped upon application duly made, referred and reported upon, and on payment of the muster fee, etc.

Proceedings for reinstatement to same Post being governed by the preceding clause of same section.

A communication was received from Commander of C. Colgrove Post, Marshall, Mich., under date December 19, ult., to which I replied, 21st same month, inquiring concerning the rights of delinquent members to password before suspension and also as to proper procedure in case of a comrade who had been dropped and desired to again become a member of same Post. Upon the whole inquiry this office gave opinion that a comrade in good standing is entitled to password irrespective of arrearages and that he is presumed to be in good standing until action has been taken or initiated towards suspension. That a comrade who has been dropped is no longer in good standing and is not entitled to Post privileges, among which is the right to password.

Upon the second point suggested by this inquiry reference was made to Section IV, Article IV, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, which reads as follows: "A comrade who has been dropped may be reinstated in the Post from which he has been dropped by making a written statement to that effect, and on receiving a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting upon payment of not to exceed one year's dues."

Under the foregoing it is clear that a member can only be taken back into same Post by election and payment of dues, etc. The last part of clause seems to indicate that the amount to be paid may be governed by Post action or by-laws.

Replying December 29, 1903, to a question of Comrade Koontz, of Coleman, Mich., as to whether an officer of Post could be elected by less than a majority vote, the Judge Advocate expressed the opinion that he could not.

The matter being apparently determined by the express provisions of Section II, Article VII, Chapter II, Rules and Regulations, which declares that "In case of a ballot for

officers a majority of all votes cast, except where otherwise designated, shall be necessary for a choice."

The circumstances under which this question arose appears to have been substantially as follows: Two comrades were candidates for office of Post Commander, one Koontz and the other Handel. One vote was cast for Coolz. The Post Commander decided, and correctly no doubt, that the vote for Coolz could not be counted for Koontz. It is not idem sonans.

In the case as it stood one had ten votes, one had nine votes and another one vote, hence no one had a majority and there was no election.

The proceedings of one court martial were submitted by Department Commander to me for review, upon which, after examination, the Judge Advocate returned same to Commander VanRaalte April 27, 1904, with notes and opinion.

The foregoing covers all matter which have received attention from my office during the year now closing.

All of which is hereby respectfully submitted.

Dated June 13, 1904.

BISHOP E. ANDREWS,  
Judge Advocate Department of Mich. G. A. R.

The Department Commander—You are aware that this afternoon sometime, we are to have the pleasure of the presence of our Commander-in-Chief, and in order that he may be received with due honor, I will appoint the following committee to receive him at the depot and escort him to the Encampment: C. E. Foote, Kalamazoo; Michael Brown, Big Rapids. If Michael Brown should not be present, I will appoint Louis Kanitz; and F. B. Fenton, of Detroit; Dr. Alvord, of Battle Creek, and J. R. Kelley, of Battle Creek.

Comrade Foote—I understand there are other members of the staff present. I would like to have them report at the entrance to the building at 2:45.

Comrade Janes—In order to bring the election of officers before the Encampment, I move you that 3:30 this afternoon be made the special order for the election of officers.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Jameson—I move you that we take a recess until 2:30 this afternoon.

Seconded and carried, and the Encampment took a recess until the hour indicated.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.—FIRST DAY.

The Department Commander—I have a communication from the Ohio Encampment to this Encampment:

“The Department of Ohio assembled in Encampment extends to your Department Fraternal greetings.

A. C. YINGLING,  
Department Commander.”

Comrade Duffield—I offer the following resolution:

The Department of Michigan, in Encampment assembled, cordially returns the fraternal greeting of the Department of Ohio, and wishes them all the good things in life.

I move you its adoption.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander—I have another communication. This is from one of the Past Department Commanders, M. Brown, of Big Rapids:

• Business prevents me coming. I send you greeting.

M. BROWN.

The Department Commander—The next in order will be the report of the special aide on patriotic instruction, T. E. Potter.

Comrade Potter read his report, which was as follows:

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir—By recommendation of your Department Commander, D. B. K. VanRaalte, I was again appointed to carry on the work of Special Aide in charge of patriotic education and military instruction in the public schools of Michigan for the year 1904.

Before accepting the appointment I asked you to relieve me, and recommend some G. A. R. man younger, and better fitted in many ways to do the work, as I was distrustful of my ability, at 72 years of age, to meet the requirements of the position. But your earnest assurance of personal assistance in this work for the children and the dear old flag, led me to accept.

Ever since the first gun was fired on Fort Sumpter patriotic education in the State of Michigan has been increasing. And, if now, through this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, the spirit and principles of true patriotism

can be fully instilled into the minds of the pupils of our schools for the next ten years, it will raise a more formidable barrier against treason and rebellion than the planting of thousands of cannons in strong fortified positions.

As the result of awarding prizes to pupils in our high schools for the best essays on Memorial Day, last year proved a decided success, I concluded, with consent and advise of the Department Commander and the Executive Committee, to adopt a similar plan this year, and about April 1, the two circulars were sent to the eighty-four county school commissioners, 466 superintendents of schools, and 361 G. A. R. Posts.

During the second week in April I sent to these same parties 5,000 circulars setting forth the importance of this work. These efforts resulted in receiving 165 essays, all of which were examined by the competent Board of Judges and Awards. In addition to the fifteen prizes, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction issued thirty Diplomas of honorable mention to that number of essayists, aside from winners of prizes, whose commendable productions entitled them to such recognition.

The Grand Army of the Republic, together with the Women's Relief Corps, and the ladies of the G. A. R., all stand together for the great work of teaching patriotism to the young. They may not be the pioneers in it, but they have persistently kept the subject alive during times of peace, agreeing on the fundamental principles that to make patriots we must begin with the children. So they aim to have the National Flag float over every schoolhouse daily, and formally saluted by the scholars before their morning lessons; and promote special exercises by the schools on patriotic lines on all National Holidays; and encourage the attendance of schools and school children on Memorial Day observances. They are also laboring for the adoption of a manual of patriotism in all our public schools. I refer you to the bill recently passed by congress and approved April 21, 1904, which authorizes the president to detail a retired officer of the Army or Navy for that purpose, when called upon by the educational authorities of any State or territory.

Col. Allen C. Bakewell, chief of staff in charge of patriotic education and military instruction in schools, has undertaken the grand task of seeing that the school children of the Nation receive a course of patriotic education along with the other branches of their education; and so far as possible

the rudiments of military instruction. For six years he has carried on this work from Alaska to Porto Rico, through the special aides appointed by his request in every State or territory of the union. In 1899, he was sent by his Post (Lafayette Post of New York City) to Porto Rico to address the schools of that island, and distribute flags to them.

In speaking of his reception there he says: "If there is one thing the islanders seem to be proud of, it is the fact that they are under the protection of the stars and stripes, and Old Glory is as much their flag as that of an American. The crowds present at the exercises in Ponce and San Juan numbered thousands. It was a virtual holiday for each of the towns, and the flags we took with us waved everywhere."

The object is to teach the lessons of patriotism for our country and flag, to those who have come here from under the jurisdiction of other flags, as far as possible, and especially their children, who will be more susceptible than the parents, to the lesson of the flag. This is the great object we have set out to accomplish, and if the Grand Army of the Republic leaves no other legacy behind when it passes away, its existence will not have been in vain.

Before passing this important work over into the hands of my successor, I wish to thank the Department for office room, and the ever kind and cordial assistance of our Assistant Adjutant General, who has been deeply interested in the work, and the Department Chaplain, who has done much to make the work of both years a success.

I would suggest to this Encampment that some plan be adopted to provide means to follow up this work, now well begun, either by a fund set apart by this Department, or by volunteer subscriptions by the delegates and ex-soldiers present, to the amount of at least \$200.00, to carry on the work the coming year.

I will give \$10.00 on that fund provided the \$200.00 is raised.

I would also recommend that the special aides hereafter appointed by this Department shall be known as a Department Officer, and his name as such printed on the Department stationery, for the added recognition and influence it would give him with the schools and school authorities of the State.

THEODORE E. POTTER,

Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Education and  
Military Instruction, Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic.

Lansing, Mich., June 13, 1904.

The report was referred to a committee consisting of Comrades B. R. Pierce, Post 5; Wm. Putnam, Post 42; John Devlin, Post 33.

The report of the Department Inspector was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades James Van - Kleek, A. T. Bliss, Sam Lawrence. The report is as follows:

Smyrna, Mich., June 3, 1904.

Col. Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.,  
Department of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan:

Dear Col. and Comrade—I have the honor to herewith submit the following summary of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending June 30, 1904:

Total number of Posts in Department.....	358
Total number of members in good standing.....	12,622
Total number of Posts inspected.....	301
Total number of Posts not inspected.....	57
Total number of Posts in which the officers are regularly in attendance.....	267
Total number of Posts in which the members are in regular attendance.....	238
Number of Posts in which the ritual is properly exemplified	279
Number of Posts in which officers are uniformed and equipped.....	94
Number of Posts in which the members are uniformed....	78
Number of Posts in which the records are complete and well kept.....	279
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax has been forwarded.....	298
Number of Posts having a separate relief fund.....	53
Aggregate of money in relief fund June 30, 1904.....	\$1,581 33
Aggregate expended by Posts for relief during the year..	955 79
Aggregate of funds in the hands of the Post Quartermaster	18,305 33
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts....	61,460 51
Number of Posts with Aux. W. R. C. attached.....	202
Number of Posts with ladies of the G. A. R. attached....	- 15
Number of Posts with ladies of other organizations attached.....	3
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	11

The real valuable work of the Department Inspector is rapidly increasing and instead of being confined to simply compiling the statistical reports of Assistant Inspectors, merges very largely into correspondence with the Posts, with suggestions, advice and instructions as to what is best for the interests of the Posts, for their maintenance and perpetuity, considering the surroundings, and circumstances of each individual Post.

The Post Commander cannot be too careful in his recom-

mendation of a comrade, for the appointment of Assistant Inspector. In no case should a Post Inspector hold any elective or other appointive office in his Post. The "*Remarks*," on the inspection blanks, should be filled and added to for the full information of the Department Inspector. Of the 301 Posts inspected, 77 have less than 20 members. Some with 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 members only, and still these small Posts are maintaining their organizations and their prospects are as good as are reported by many larger Posts.

The work of the Woman's Relief Corps cannot be too highly appreciated and the future life of our Posts depend very largely upon the ladies auxiliaries. The first effort of a Post, at this date, should be to secure the organization of a Woman's Relief Corps. Not as much for the aid and relief of worthy comrades, but for their moral support and strength in the maintenance of our Post organizations and the tower of might, in their inculcation of patriotism, and love of our National honor among the growing generation, that "it can never forget what they did here."

Of the 23 Posts reporting prospects *poor*, only nine have Woman's Relief Corps attached, and of the 115 Posts reporting prospects *fair*, only 13 have W. R. C. auxiliaries. One of the seven membership Posts reports prospects *good*, and a W. R. C. of 46 members, and upon investigation the report is absolutely correct.

One Post of 40 members and an aggregate of \$1,437.00 Post property, reports prospects *bad*; one Post of 67 members and \$2,578.00 in Post property, report prospects only *fair*. Neither of these Posts have auxiliaries.

With the hearty cooperation of Assistant Inspectors, several Corps have been organized, and their Posts are wondering how they lived so long without their auxiliary. In fact, a Post without a Corps is in the same condition Adam was before Eve came, lonesome, and needing a help-meet.

The inspection of Posts is sometimes made by officers of the Post which often develop that the barrel is bright and buttons shining, while in fact, the breach is burnt and the lock rusty.

There are petty strifes and small dissensions that occasionally creep into the best Posts, the report of which comes alone to the Department Inspector, and often times a letter or two straightens the whole matter, as many of these petty differences only need that the shield be turned half way round so that both parties may see both sides.





**FRANK R. CHASE.**  
Department Inspector.

It has been the custom that the newly elected Department Commander order the inspection of Posts and direct "Post Commanders to recommend some good, earnest working comrade of his Post for appointment as Assistant Inspector," the same to be reported to the Department Inspector. Our Department Commander issued such order June 30, 1903. Up to October 4, 1903, when general order No. 5 was issued, 15 Posts only had made such recommendation. November 21, when general order No. 6 was issued, 124 other Posts only had recommended and further appointments from Department Headquarters were abandoned and Post Commanders were directed to appoint, and immediately proceed with the inspection, that should have begun with October 1. Your Inspector sent 129 notices to Posts asking for their reports, then later 65 other second requests and still 57 Posts were not inspected. Some Posts were inspected as late as March 21. Failure to receive the Post inspection reports has greatly curtailed the efficient work of the Department Inspector. At the very best your Department Inspector has only five months of the year in which to do all his work, and he ought to have thirteen, as no unfinished work comes to him from his predecessor.

I would, therefore, most respectfully recommend that the Post Commanders elect at the first meeting of the Post in December of each year, recommend to the Department Commander some good, earnest working comrade of his Post for appointment as Assistant Inspector, for the ensuing year. Then the new Department Inspector will know who his assistants are, and arrange that the Assistant Inspector of one Post shall inspect a neighbor Post, and assign them to such duty accordingly, as he may deem most advisable. He may also direct them to visit other Posts and so give courage and efficient help to weak Posts.

The great problem rapidly coming upon us is how best to maintain and arrange for or dispose of the ninety Posts in the Department having each a membership of less than twenty.

The physical disabilities consequent upon our years of service in the army, the gradual but sure muster out of Comrades as one by one we answer to the last roll call, are surely sounding taps in many of our Posts, so the Grand Army of the Republic is fast passing into history where its work, like the deeds of its members, remain only as records, but



its accomplishments will live on like the results of "what they did," a blessing and memory to coming generations.

I desire to tender my thanks to the Department Commander for the honor conferred upon me, also to yourself and brother staff officers for the many courtesies received from your hands, and I would not forget the many pleasant and I hope beneficial correspondence with the Assistant Inspectors of the Posts and thank them for their ready cooperation.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Most sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

FRANK R. CHASE,  
Department Inspector.

It being announced that a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was in waiting, Comrades A. T. Bliss, R. A. Alger, R. R. Pealer, John Devlin and James VanKleek were appointed a committee to escort them into the hall.

Comrade Janes—Your committee appointed to send greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps have performed that duty, and similar greetings are now to be extended by the Relief Corps to the Grand Army.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The regular order of business was suspended and the committee from the W. R. C. was escorted to the stage.

Comrade Bliss—I have the honor and the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. McConnell, acting as chairman of the delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps, which brings greetings to our Encampment.

The Department Commander—I have the honor to introduce to you Mrs. McConnell, acting president of the W. R. C., who will now address you.

Mrs. McConnell—I have the honor to present the report of the W. R. C. by our president:

Jackson, Mich., June 10, 1904.

D. B. K. VanRaalte, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan:

Greeting—It is a pleasure for me to conform to the rules of our Order, and submit to you and to the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., the following report of our financial standing at the close of my administration; also the amount of relief extended during the year by your auxiliary known as the Woman's Relief Corps of Michigan. Willing and

cheerful expenditures in the W. R. C. have at all times been contributed for the benefit of the soldier and his family.

Five Corps have been organized with a membership of 110, which gives us a membership in the State of 8,749, the largest number ever reported.

Number of Corps in Department.....	235
Cash expended for relief by Corps.....	\$1,966 11
Estimated relief other than money.....	4,288 27
A total relief by Corps.....	6,254 38
Cash expended from Department relief fund.....	60 00
Number of soldiers and families assisted.....	1,668
Cash on hand in the general fund.....	\$422 70
Cash on hand in the relief fund.....	127 57

Owing to the reduction in the per capita tax, our funds were reduced to the amount of \$340.58.

As you accept this report of our work, we desire to leave with you our thanks for all favors received from the G. A. R., and pledge ourselves to you, Commander and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, to continue to prove to you in the future our bonded interests in the great army of surviving veterans. Your only auxiliary, the W. R. C., is an unbroken chain of "Loyalty to the Soldiers" and the dear old flag that floats over our beloved country and makes us a United Republic.

Any favors in the future that we can grant you will be cheerfully at your command.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

VINA E. REDFIELD,

Department President.

Comrade Bliss—Allow me to present to you Mrs. Bliss.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I have the honor to present to you our Governor's wife, Mrs. Bliss. You all know her and her works among the Grand Army, which will continue.

Mrs. Bliss—I thank you. Really comrades, I hardly know why I have been selected to come with this committee, but I think for two reasons; one was because I was the wife of the Governor, whom you all know is Past Department Commander. Another is, I never will bore you with a long speech. I am very glad that I came, and I am glad to look you in the face, and pledge anew my allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic. I hope I may be able, as long as it is in my power, to work for the benefit of Grand Army men. As chairman of the Department Relief Com-

mittee I have noted with pleasure the little work we have to do in comparison with former years. The relief work of the people at large and the legislature and the Pension Bureau all respond nobly to all just claims. The American people are loyal to the American soldier, and are determined that they shall never suffer during their declining years. This simplifies the work of the Relief Corps some; but we still intend to do all that we are able to do.

Comrade Bliss—I have the pleasure of introducing Miss Hopkins.

The Department Commander—I have here one of the ladies of the Relief Corps who has ever a mother heart for the Grand Army of the Republic. I know it has been hard work for her to keep still as long as she has; she is very anxious to speak.

Miss Hopkins—I have been in the habit of making speeches but to another kind of an audience. We in the past have all been in sympathy with the principles for which you were banded together in the years from '61 to '65. Our sympathies were with you then, are now, and will be as long as we are permitted to remain here.

The Department Commander—It pleases me to introduce to you Mrs. Halstead, one of the Past Department Presidents of the Relief Corps. You have no doubt heard from her in words, you have also seen the work that she has performed.

Mrs. Halstead—Comrades of the Grand Army, when the President asked me last night if I could be one of the committee to visit this Encampment I told her yes, if she would put me on the rear end, where I wouldn't have much to say, because you know I never make speeches; but I told her I would be glad to have the privilege of looking into your faces once more. I thank you.

Comrade Bliss—I have a very pleasant duty to perform. I want to present to our Department Commander his dear and beloved wife.

The Department Commander—Comrades of the Department of Michigan, I am proud to say that there is no other woman in Michigan with whom I am as well acquainted as this lady. I will further say to you that she is patriotic and loyal, and that she has the experience of those who suffered at home while we were in the field; that she can say that her oldest brother went as a sacrifice for this country. I introduce to you Mrs. VanRaalte.

Mrs. VanRaalte—The ladies sent me here. I don't know whether they thought that my husband was not safe with

all these ladies, and sent me to see that he was protected, but I find they are treating him well.

The Department Commander—Ladies, in behalf of my comrades I thank you for these kind greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps. You will bear to your Department the greetings of this Encampment, and tell them that we have not forgotten the loyal work of the W. R. C., and that we appreciate what they are doing for us, and that will ever be fresh in our memory. We never will forget what they were to us during the dark days of the Rebellion. We return greetings to you.

The ladies of the committee were decorated with the Encampment badge, and escorted from the hall, amid three cheers for the Relief Corps.

Department Commander—I understand there are in waiting the Sons of Veterans. I will appoint as a committee to escort them to the stage, Comrades Kent, Dunham and Bishop.

The committee retired and escorted to the stage the entire body of the convention of Sons of Veterans.

Comrade Kent—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Sons of Veterans of the State of Michigan.

The Department Commander—It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Col. Turner, of Muskegon, Commander of the Sons of Veterans. I wish to say at the same time that all these noble young men standing here upon the stage are our sons, and I introduce them to you as such—Sons of Veterans.

Col. Turner—Mr. Commander, Comrades of the G. A. R., in behalf of the Sons of Veterans of Michigan, in Encampment assembled in your city, I appear before you this afternoon to extend to you our most heartfelt greetings. I want to say at this time that we are doing all we can to keep green the memory of those, both living and dead, who sacrificed so much that the life of the Nation might be preserved. We realize that sooner or later we must take your place; and yet it seems we, as a separate organization, were not close enough in our relations, and that the G. A. R. of Michigan has not given us enough to do as we might and as we wish. I think sometimes the G. A. R. of Michigan hasn't given us as much to do as they might because all of us wish to be as much as possible upon the firing line. I believe if you, as an order, would recognize us more in the way of giving us more to do, it would be of great benefit to our order. I do not believe that I ever fully realized what it really meant

to be a son of a veteran until September last, my father died and was buried by the local Post, to which he had belonged for years; and as I stood beside the grave and heard the clods of the valley fall upon his coffin, I never had before realized the glorious heritage that belonged to us as sons of veterans, and that in the honorable deeds performed he had suffered so much that the life of the nation might be preserved.

We have had the honor this afternoon to have elected as Commander of the Sons of Veterans of this State a man who resides in this city, a man who is not only a son of a veteran but who is also a veteran, and belongs to your noble order. I refer to Brother Kellogg, who sits here. I would like to introduce him to you, as we would like to have him make a few remarks. We will not take up very much of your time.

The Department Commander—It affords me pleasure to present to you another of the Sons of Veterans, Brother Kellogg.

Comrade Kellogg—Comrades, members of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan—I come before you unexpectedly this afternoon. I had no idea that such an honor would be conferred upon me. I am not only a veteran but a son of a veteran. I have just buried my father, and he was buried by the Post of this city, and when his remains were placed in the cold earth, I pledged myself anew, and renewed my fealty to the memory of the veterans throughout the United States. There are assembled here this afternoon a body of veterans, not only as a body to congratulate each other, but to shake hands with each other, and we come among you as the younger element. I am here as one of you, for I went forth at the age of sixteen. The Sons of Veterans this afternoon have pledged themselves anew to perpetuate the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we wish and hope that every comrade in this room will avail himself of our services. We want to be close to you, for these are your sons, who soon will be the ones that will assist in laying away to eternal rest the remains of the Grand Army of the Republic. I remember but a short time ago, when an old comrade was buried, and I had a chance to be at the grave of the colonel of my old regiment, the Eighth Michigan Cavalry. As we gathered, and his friends, and the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army Post placed his remains in the ground, there was an incident there that touched my heart and that of every comrade that was

present, and brought tears to the eyes of every comrade. A little grandchild stood by the open grave, and he raised his hands and waved them and said: "Good-bye, grandpa, good-bye, forever." I thank you for this privilege.

The Department Commander—Mr. Commander and Sons of Veterans—Your greeting to the Encampment is a great pleasure to us, and I am pleased to hand back the greetings of this Encampment, and say that we fully understand and appreciate the work that will soon devolve upon you—the work that these grand men have lived for. It will be yours to perpetuate this nation, it will be yours to do the work for which they have made great sacrifices. Let their patriotism and their loyalty to country and flag ever be an incentive to you all to perpetuate this nation; to remember that the honor of this country is your honor, and the glory of the flag is your glory.

The Commander and Past Commander were each decorated with the Encampment badge, when the Sons of Veterans were escorted from the hall, and the regular order of business was resumed.

The Department Commander—Comrades, the hour for the special business, the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year has arrived, but I do wish that you would postpone it long enough to allow the committee on the Soldiers' Home to report. If there is no objection, it will be taken that it will be granted. Hearing no objection, we will have the report of the Committee on the Soldiers' Home.

The report of the committee was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades Kidd, Post 211; Backus, Post 17, and Fiege, Post 38. The report was as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Saginaw, Mich., June 1, 1904.

Commander and Comrades—Your committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home beg leave to make the following report:

A meeting of the committee was called at the Morton House, Grand Rapids, Mich., for 1:30 o'clock p. m., May 19, 1904, at which time and place your committee met and proceeded to the Soldiers' Home.

We made a careful inspection of the Home, in every department, and the Woman's Annex, so far as it was

possible during the afternoon. We first visited the hospital and after making some examination sought out Comrade M. R. Mills, the physician in charge, who escorted us through the building, and we examined every portion of it and found everything in excellent condition. We conversed with several comrades with whom we had a personal acquaintance and all the information we could gather indicated that the comrades were receiving excellent care and were, as far as it was possible to be, contented and pleased with the manner in which the institution was managed.

We found that much improvement had been made and that there had been recently provided a fire escape by which those who were confined to their beds could be quickly removed from the building in case fire should break out. This work, we understand, was done under the supervision of Surgeon Mills, and is one highly to be commended. Prior to its inception it would have been quite difficult to remove from the buildings comrades so situated, but with this arrangement the building could be quickly emptied in case of necessity. We also found that a large amount of space that was formerly of little or no use had been utilized, under the supervision of Dr. Mills, and the rooms thus utilized made light, airy, well ventilated and comfortable. We were not there at meal time, but carefully inspected the kitchen and dining room and cooking arrangements and found everything scrupulously neat and in the best of condition.

We also visited the Womans' Annex, where we found the widow of our late Comrade L. G. Rutherford in charge. We were shown over the building and found that also in like excellent condition as the men's hospital. We found that the difficulty in reference to a separate hospital for the old ladies in the Annex, which was mentioned in the report of your committee who inspected the Home in 1900, had been remedied to a large extent, by providing facilities therefor on the third floor of the Annex. There are many persons in this building who are unable to go from one floor to the other to get their meals, and to avoid the necessity of sending meals to them, under the management of Mrs. Rutherford, a room at one end of the building has been utilized, for a small dining room. The work of kalsomining and varnishing the Annex and furniture was being done at the time we visited the Home, and the work was being done in a most thorough manner. We were informed that this is done every two years, and the good condition of the rooms

indicated that it was well done. We found that the ceilings in the main halls on the first and second floors of this building were very badly cracked, and in many places crumbling, requiring quite frequent repairs. We believe that in the interest of economy as well as for improving its appearance, steel ceilings should be placed in these halls.

We subsequently visited the main building and dormitory and found everything well kept and the institution conducted in a manner to be highly commended.

In conversation with Commandant Judd, Mrs. Rutherford and Dr. Mills, we learned that it was becoming necessary more and more every year to employ outside assistance in the conduct of the various departments of the Home, and that this was especially true in respect to the nurses in both the men's department and in the Woman's Annex. This is due to the growing age of the inmates, and of course increases the expense of the institution, since formerly the inmates were employed to do this work, for which they were allowed compensation, but the expense of hiring those outside of the Home is much greater.

We found that the duties of the nurses, employed in the institution required them to be on duty a large portion of the time and that the only place where they could take their rest in the day time after their night's labors, was in small rooms assigned to them in the general quarters, where, of course, it is impossible for them to get the rest they should have, and besides, in the present crowded condition of the buildings the rooms are really necessary for the inmates. We believe that a separate building should be provided for these nurses, containing say twenty rooms, which would undoubtedly be sufficient, and could be provided at a reasonable expenditure of money. With this additional room, we believe, from the best information we could gather, that the present facilities of the Home would be sufficient for some years and probably would not require to be increased.

Comrade Foster made particular inquiry in reference to the method of keeping accounts of the inmates in regard to funds deposited by them with the authorities of the Home, and we found that the method of keeping these accounts was identical with the system which is adopted in reference to the deposits in savings banks. Each member depositing money is given a book in which is entered the amount deposited at any time, the amount withdrawn and the amount of balance, so that every inmate always knows just exactly how his account stands.



In conclusion we wish to say that every courtesy was extended to your committee by the officials of the Home, for a careful examination of every building and every department. And we wish to say further, that we deem their management excellent, and that Michigan has a Soldiers' Home of which her people may well be proud, and we believe that everything is being done therein, so far as possible, to furnish as comfortable a home for those who are there as it is possible to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WM. G. GAGE,

SEYMOUR FOSTER,

L. H. IVES,

Committee.

The hour for the special order of business, the election of officers, having arrived, it was moved that the nomination speeches be limited to five minutes each and the seconding speeches to two minutes each, which was seconded and carried unanimously.

The order being the nomination and election of a Department Commander, Comrade Janes, Post 384, nominated Comrade George H. Hopkins, Post 384, and his nomination was seconded by Comrades Babcock, Post 17; Lawrence, Post 318; Stone, Post 42; Milnes, Post 109; Mallory, Post 382; Heckler, Post 18; VanKleek, Post 67; Alger, Post 384; Bishop, Post 72; Dix, Post 39, and there being no other nominations, on motion of Comrade Dix, the Assistant Adjutant General was unanimously directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hopkins, which, having been done, he was declared to have been duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Janes—I have the honor to announce that the Commander-in-Chief is in waiting.

The Commander-in-Chief was escorted to the stage, and received by the Department in due form.

The Department Commander—It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you our Commander-in-Chief, General Black, who will now give us a few words of encouragement.

The Commander-in-Chief—My comrades, you are as tumultuous as a convention of republicans or democrats on the eve of a nomination. That such spirits characterize old men is entirely in your favor. I am glad indeed to have come amongst you even at this moment, interrupting your

business, from the satisfaction that it gives me to see men of so much life, and so many of them. I am not going to detain you more than a moment at this time, as I am to address you this evening at the camp fire, I am told, for a while. I come to give you a greeting, and to extend to you in behalf of the Grand Army of the United States, words of cheer and regard. Since I saw you two years ago in your State Encampment, and during the time which has elapsed of this year, it has been my fortune to have traveled far, and to stand in the presence of many State Encampments; and through the length and breadth of the land I have found men in whose memories there was no abatement of the fire and joy of the old time and for the old flag, but of these things, and things like that, I shall take pleasure in speaking at a later hour in this same day.

The Department Commander—We have one more treat in store. We have the pleasure of having with us our National Chief-of-Staff. I introduce to you Comrade McConnell.

Comrade McConnell—Comrades of Michigan, from which State I went to the war—I can best introduce what few words I have to say by telling a story which I heard Gen. Grant relate at a reception to our Commander-in-Chief last Monday evening in Chicago. He says Mrs. O'Toole was on her death bed, and she wanted to make a last, dying request, and says to her husband, "Patrick, you haven't got along very well with me muther, but I want you to promise before I die that you will ride in the carriage with her to my funeral." "Well," he says, "Nora, if you insist, I will do it, but will schpoil me day." That fits my case entirely. I came here with bright anticipations of pleasure, to meet my old comrades of Michigan, but you have spoiled my day by asking me to speak. I will see you personally later, and I will say no more.

The Department Commander—I will appoint Gen. Alger and Gov. Bliss to escort the incoming Commander to the stage.

Comrade Alger—This is the first time in my life I ever had to go after him; he always came to me.

Comrade Hopkins was escorted to the stage by the committee.

The Department Commander—Comrades, it affords me great pleasure to present to you, your Commander, Comrade Hopkins, who was formerly commanded by the general who escorted him to the stage, and now he will command the general.

Comrade Hopkins—The English language has very many beautiful words, but it has no words that can typify my feelings here today. You have conferred upon me an honor and a favor which there are no words that I can recall sufficient to thank you for them. I can only say this, comrades, that you will have in the future as you have had in the past, my earnest endeavors for the success of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. But do you know, comrades, that you have put upon yourselves a great obligation? You have each of you, by your vote here today, said that you will sustain the administration for the next year, to the best of your ability. None of you can gainsay it. Had Comrade Smith or Comrade Jones been in the field as competitors, and had I succeeded, then you might have said: "Had you elected my candidate, your administration for the coming year would have been a success." But you have chosen me as your Commander, and I shall ask, and I know I shall receive, the hearty support of every comrade here. I thank you most heartily.

It being announced that a committee from the ladies of the G. A. R. was in waiting, Comrades Pond, Kidd, Bishop, and Bryant were appointed a committee to escort the ladies to the stage, and the regular order of business was suspended in order to receive them. The ladies were then escorted to the stage, and received in due form.

Comrade Pond—I have the pleasure of introducing to you, representatives of the Ladies of the G. A. R., who bring greetings to this Encampment.

The Department Commander—It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Proudfoot, chairman of the Ladies of the G. A. R. committee, who has been sent to bring you the greetings of that body. She undoubtedly has greetings from the Ladies of the G. A. R., and will tell you of the close relations that exist between the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the G. A. R. They are indeed very loyal ladies. I present to you Mrs. Proudfoot, who will address you.

Mrs. Proudfoot—I will not take up very much of your time, as I am no speech-maker. I would like to take just a few moments and tell you a little of our order—the progress of our order, the Ladies of the G. A. R., during the last 10 years. We organized the department 10 years ago, the 28th day of June, with five circles and a membership of 80; now we have 27 circles in this State, and a membership of 977. We paid out during the year for relief \$350, assist-

ance \$655. Last year we furnished a room at the Soldiers' Home at an expense of \$100. Our Department worked in perfect harmony, and of course our comrades here know that our membership is composed of your wives, your widows, daughters and grand daughters. I thank you.

The Department Commander—Let me introduce to you Mrs. Griffin, one of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Griffin—Commander, soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic—It is a favor and an honor for me to bring greetings from the Ladies of the G. A. R. to this noble body of men. We greet you in fraternity, in charity, and in loyalty; to every soldier and sailor present who wore the Union blue, and carried a musket or drew a saber, and drank from the same canteen, we say, God bless you, one and all.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure to present to you Mrs. Eagan.

Mrs. Eagan—Comrades all, there is not a woman in this grand State that is prouder of it than I am. And what gives me more pride than anything else in this world, my father, my grandfather, and four of my uncles went to the front; three of them never came back. That we are your wives, your daughters, your sisters, your granddaughters, it seems to me is quite enough that we should be very closely linked together, one and all. We reverence and honor the comrades, not only one but every one, throughout this grand United States. We come here from the north, from the south, from the east and the west of this glorious State to welcome you. There is nothing that the Ladies of the Grand Army are more proud of than to know that they are of the blood and the bone of the old comrades. My father enlisted from Holland, where I believe our Commander was at that time, and went away and left my mother with two babies; I was one. I never thought that I could be here and see so many of these noble men. On behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I thank you.

The Department Commander—Comrades, it affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Jameson, the noble wife of the Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Jameson. I want to tell you one thing, you can just prepare yourselves for a talk, and then I want to tell you one more thing. I don't know what the result will be; she may come back at me. I had the courage to say to this noble woman that she had one more mission to perform before she died, and that was, that she should unite the Ladies of the G. A. R. to the W. R. C., because I firmly believe that in unity is strength.

They are all loyal, and they all work for the one grand cause. Mrs. Jameson.

Mrs. Jameson—Comrade VanRaalte, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—I wish I could tell you how proud I am to have the privilege of addressing you. For three years I was President of the Department that I represent, and I always felt as if I wanted to shed a tear when I sent my committees to you. They could talk to the old boys; I could not. While we do not work with the Woman's Relief Corps, we honor every deed of that noble body of women. Your Commander has said that we should unite. We would be willing but for one thing: the eligibility. The wife is nearer to the husband than a loyal woman, the daughter, the granddaughter, and the blood kin niece. Comrades, I want to set our order right before you. Every day we hear that we are an off-shoot from the Woman's Relief Corps. The first order in the early days to work for the Grand Army of the Republic—there was a number, but one of those, was the Ladies of the Loyal League of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York and the Eastern States. At a convention held in Denver in 1883 the delegates were instructed to admit the loyal ladies in that league. We split and the Woman's Relief Corps was organized then and there. For three years it worked under the old name of the Ladies' Loyal League. At a convention held in Chicago in 1886 our order united with some circles of the Ladies of the G. A. R., we taking their name, they our badges, rules and regulations. We admit to our order the old comrade. He is a nearer brother. Our Circles do the work of Memorial Day where there is no Post, and comrades, wherever you meet a Circle of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, there you will find the hand of friendship, charity, and loyalty extended to you. Commander VanRaalte, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you for the privilege of addressing you.

The Department Commander—Ladies of the G. A. R.—In behalf of the comrades of the Department, I thank you for this greeting, and I wish to have you return to your Department, and tell them that we appreciate them and the work that you are doing amongst the Grand Army of the Republic.

The ladies were decorated with the Encampment badge and escorted from the hall, when the regular order of business was resumed.

The Department Commander—The next in order is nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Kelley, Post 32, nominated Comrade John J. Cornwell, of that Post. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Ives, Post 441, and there being no further nominations, on motion, unanimously carried, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Cornwell, Senior Vice Department Commander, and he was declared to have been duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander—The next in order is your Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Dean, Post 137, nominated Comrade S. M. Kent, of Custer Post No. 5; the nomination was seconded by Comrade Lawrence, Post 318.

Comrade Welling, Post 48, nominated Comrade Dan J. Willson, Post 48. This nomination was seconded by Comrades Willson, Post 60; Foote, Post 79; Root, Post 441, and Beckham, Post 374.

The nomination of Comrade Kent was further seconded by Comrades McCrath, Post 5; Pealer, Post 72; Kidd, Post 211.

Comrade Manley, Post 48, seconded the nomination of Comrade Willson.

The chair appointed as tellers Comrades Albert Dunham, Post 48; John W. McCrath, Post 5, and Davey, Post 17.

While the vote for Junior Vice Department Commander was being counted, Comrade Pealer presented and read the report of the committee on the report of the Judge Advocate, which was unanimously adopted.

The report was as follows:

Battle Creek, Mich., June 15, 1904.

To the Encampment, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

The undersigned committee, to whom you referred the report of the Judge Advocate, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and fully approve of the action of the Judge Advocate in relation to the questions submitted to him, as set forth in his report, and fully endorse and approve the rulings and decisions therein contained.

R. R. PEALER,  
R. D. DIX,  
M. A. MERRIFIELD.

Comrade Babcock, Post 17, read the report of the Legislative Committee, which was as follows:

Commander and comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic—Your committee on legislation beg leave to submit the following report:

There having been held no session of the legislature during the past year, we have no legislation upon which to make a report, but your committee believes this to be a suitable time to consider what ought to be done in the future, so far, at least, as relates to matters within our own borders.

It is known to you all that a law was passed at the instance of the veterans of the Civil War, requiring that a United States flag shall be erected in connection with every school house in the State, during the daily sessions of schools, and at such other time as the school board may determine. This law is known as Act No. 56, of the Public Acts of 1895. It has come to the knowledge of your committee that quite one-third, or more, of the school districts of the State utterly ignore this law.

It cannot be doubted that the display of the flag over our educational institutions is a potent, although a silent factor in creating a sentiment of patriotism in the minds of our children. There is, however, a far more potent element which antagonizes this sentiment in some localities.

Some of our citizens would almost prefer to see the flag wiped from the face of the earth than tax themselves the almost infinitesimal part of a mill on the dollar, which is required to purchase a flag and erect a suitable staff upon which to raise the same. When the law was first passed, nearly every school district in the State complied with its provisions. But flags, halyards and staffs do not last forever, and when it became necessary to renew the same many of the thrifty tax-payers decided that it would be throwing money away to make any further expenditures in that direction. They seem to forget that it was not the intention of those of us who secured the enactment of the law that there should be any visible return from such an investment. We believed, and still believe, that a child cannot sit day after day in a room over which the flag is floating without becoming so imbued with such love of it that, in after years, should it be assailed by hostile hands, he will be among the first to spring to its rescue. We believed and still believe that, in after years, the sight of Old Glory would give to him an additional thrill of patriotism because it would recall to him the days of his childhood and

thus make his native land all the dearer to him. Yet it is true that petty penuriousness is depriving many of our youths today of this educational force.

Unfortunately this law, like almost every other which has been enacted in this State, which in any way has originated with the veterans of '61-'65, has no penalty attached to punish those who wilfully violate the same.

Your committee, therefore, advise that an amendment be secured to the law providing a penalty to be imposed upon every school district, that fails to carry out its provisions, and providing further, that the duty of enforcing its provisions be delegated to some suitable person. If this cannot be done then, in our judgment, it would be better to repeal the law since it follows that if the law is held in contempt, the Stars and Stripes, which the law was created to honor, will be held as unworthy of the legislation intended to do it honor.

There is another matter to which we think this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic should give its attention. Michigan has not yet erected any monument within her own borders in honor of the soldiers and sailors who fought in the war of the Rebellion. She has spent many thousands of dollars in the erection of monuments and tablets which serve the purpose of beautifying the parks of the States of the Union, which were in open rebellion, but not one dollar to erect even a simple tablet upon her own soil. Such monuments as she has elsewhere erected have had but two objects in view, i. e., to commemorate those who died while fighting for their country, and to teach lessons of patriotism to the oncoming generations. Both these objects have been to a great extent failures in in all she has thus far done. A monument sacred to the memory of our dead ought to be erected where those to whom the dead are dear can have access to it.

Take as an illustration the monument which has just been erected at Andersonville in commemoration of those heroes who suffered and died in that inconceivable hell. Not one hundred Michigan people will see it in a century. Those who are directly related to these noble dead are, in most instances, utterly unable to visit it. The careless and indifferent of other localities will pass it by unheeding. Had, however, the money which was spent for the monument been added to the not inconsiderable sum squandered upon its erection and dedication at a point so remote from those who paid that money, we could have erected on the capitol



grounds at Lansing a monument which would have been more nearly worthy of those brave young boys. It would then have been placed where thousands of our own citizens would have seen it every year and where fathers and mothers could have taken their sons and daughters for the purpose of showing them that the commonwealth is not ungrateful to those who died for her sake.

We cannot avoid the conclusion that the time has come when the veterans of that great war for human rights and free government should insist that their children and their childrens' children shall be permitted to point to something erected by this great State in commemoration of the deeds done by their fathers to secure to this nation the God given boon of human liberty. We should see to it that the State does something quite as creditable as have municipalities and private individuals. We should, as a Department, of the Grand Army of the Republic, determine that no more money of our tax-payers shall be spent in the southern states until, as a State, Michigan has done something worthy of the men she sent out to do battle for her.

S. S. BABCOCK,

C. E. FOOTE,

Committee on Legislation.

I repudiate the sentiment expressed so far as relates to the inferred squandering of money relating to the Andersonville monument.

C. E. FOOTE.

June 17, 1904.

The Department Commander—The report will be referred to the following committee:

Comrade Schneider, Post 42—I move you as a substitute that this report be accepted and adopted without reference to any committee.

Comrade Bliss—I have no objection to this Department adopting that report, but I wish to say a word in regard to the monuments that Michigan has erected. Michigan has built many monuments, on the battle field of Chicamauga Park, Missionary Ridge, and on the other battle fields throughout the south—regimental monuments, and some few state monuments. Two years ago I appointed a committee to prepare plans to erect a monument at Lansing, and that committee did their work nobly, and got plans and presented them to the legislature. A bill was intro-

duced, but it was impossible to get it through. I think the time has come that Michigan should honor her soldiers by erecting a monument at the capitol. See what the Michigan boys suffered at Andersonville. Fifty thousand went into Andersonville and twelve thousand never came out. Out of that number seven hundred were from Michigan. Other states have erected monuments at Andersonville in commemoration of their dead. Why should not Michigan be in line. It dedicated a small amount—\$6,000. I was in that prison, and know what a hell it was. So do many other men who are in this hall today know what it was. We did appropriate a small amount, and I had the pleasure, when the bill came to me to sign it, and you can imagine with what pleasure. I signed it because I felt that Michigan should be represented by that monument. When it was dedicated on Memorial Day, many of our comrades went who were compelled to pay their own way, because of the smallness of the appropriation by the State for that purpose. Five thousand people were present there on Memorial Day, and the government sent troops there as an escort. I hope that Michigan will be found in the line of having a monument at some future day on our capitol grounds in memory of the soldiers of Michigan, and I will heartily endorse it, but I think this resolution should take the regular course and go to a committee.

Comrade Pealer—I wish to direct attention to the first recommendation of the report, in reference to the flag law—that some penalty be provided for the non-enforcement of that law. Upon this branch I would be opposed to legislation which would provide a penalty for a violation of it, but I would recommend the adoption of substantially the same law which exists in the state of New York, to-wit: that no school district should receive any part of the two mill tax until they filed proof of the carrying out of the provisions of the flag law. It is a simple provision, and you would have no prosecutions.

Comrade Babcock—Our good governor is mistaken. We are glad as a committee that the Andersonville boys were recognized. This contains our views as to future legislation, not legislation that is passed, and we are trying to get the State to do something for the soldier boys at Lansing. If we cannot get it, we had better quit.

Comrade Blakeman, Post 48—The part of the report that came to my ears seemed to find fault with the monument at Andersonville.

Comrade Babcock—Not a word.

Comrade Blakeman—Then I have nothing to say. I did understand that fault was found with erecting this monument. I don't believe there is a man in existence who followed our flag that suffered any more than those who suffered at Andersonville. I speak from personal experience. I was at the dedication, and I am pleased with the place of erection of the monument, because it can be seen—seen going in and coming out of the grounds.

Comrade Schneider, Post 42—I wish to say that I think the governor entirely misapprehends the trend of that report. This is not a reflection upon what was done for that Andersonville monument. It commends that, and we all do, and there is not an objection to it. My object in making this motion was to facilitate business. The report as you have heard it is a very able one, and touches upon points that we are all deeply interested in, and I don't think that any committee could act upon it, in view of all we have got to do yet. For that reason I made the motion that it be accepted and adopted, without reference to the usual committee.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7—I know that Comrade Babcock wouldn't do anything here that was not submitted properly to your judgment; neither do I suppose that Col. Schneider would make a motion to rush a thing through that ought to be considered; but I do say I do not understand that report. There are two subjects in that report. I think we all understand that proposition as explained by Comrade Pealer. The other I do not understand. Let us refer that report, and before you people get through fighting we can get a report. I hope you will withdraw your motion, and let us refer it to a committee, and bring it in in good shape.

Comrade Schneider—It was to facilitate business that I made the motion. There are a good many here who don't seem to understand it, and I am willing to withdraw it and let it be referred to a committee.

Comrade Babcock—With the consent of the committee I will withdraw the report.

The Department Commander—It is now in the hands of the Department, and you can't do that. I don't think there is one-third of the comrades in this Encampment that have understood this report. It is an important report and they would like to understand it. You have been careful in all your work, and let us not adopt this report without understanding it fully. We all agree that Com-

rade Babcock here has the interests of the comrades at heart, and it does no harm to refer this to a committee. Let them report, and then you will know what you are doing, and you will not be ashamed afterwards of what you have done.

Comrade Milnes, Post 109—It strikes me that this matter should be referred for several reasons. In the first place there are a great many comrades in this room who did not hear the report. It was impossible for people in the back part of the hall here to hear anything that was in that report. Some of them, like myself, are getting a little bit deaf. So far as I can learn from what I did hear, it is a very important matter, and I move you that it be referred to the committee on resolutions.

The Department Commander—There is a motion already that it be referred in the regular order to a committee appointed by the chair.

The motion to refer prevailed, and the chair appointed as that committee Comrades Pond, Post 2; Bishop, Post 72; and Milnes, Post 109.

The result of the ballot for Junior Vice Department Commander was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 303.

Necessary to a choice 152.

Comrade Kent received 142.

Comrade Willson received 161.

On motion the election of Comrade Dan J. Willson was made unanimous and he was declared to have been duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The committee on the report of the Special Aide for Military and Patriotic Instruction made its report, which was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Special Aide in charge of Patriotic Instruction and Military Education in the public schools, report as follows:

We approve the objects embraced in the report and recommend a fund be provided for the work of Patriotic Instruction and Military Education in our public schools. We also recommend that the special aide appointed by the National Commander be recognized as a Department officer in as

much as his work is Department work, and his name printed on Department stationery.

B. R. PIERCE,  
WM. PUTNAM,  
JOHN DEVLIN,  
Committee.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander—The next in order is the election of a Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade Willson, Post 60, nominated Comrade W. W. Root, Post 441, the present incumbent of the office, and there being no further nominations made, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Root, and he was declared to have been duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The next order of business being the election of a Department Chaplain for the ensuing year, Comrade Schneider, Post 42, nominated for re-election Comrade William Putnam, of Post 42, and there being no further nominations, on motion of Comrade Schneider, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Putnam, and he was declared to have been duly elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The report of the executive committee of the Council of Administration was presented, read and adopted.

The report was as follows:

Lansing, Mich., June 14, 1904.

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and of the of the Assistant Quartermaster General and also the vouchers showing the receipts and disbursements of their said offices during the year and find the same to be correct in all respects.

There was on hand in the general fund at the commencement of this administration the sum of fourteen hundred and ninety dollars and forty-four cents..... \$1,490 44  
Received from all sources during term..... 3,021 05

Total..... \$4,511 49

There has been disbursed as follows:

Assistant Adjutant General's salary.....	\$1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General's salary.....	100 00
Expenses to California Encampment.....	278 55
Paid per capita tax to National Department..	471 47
All other expenses including printing, postage, office supplies and badges and all incidentals:	941 98
<b>Total expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$2,992 00</b>
<b>Leaving a balance on hand.....</b>	<b>\$1,619 49</b>

## ALGER FUND.

Received from former administration.....	\$982 23
Received interest on same.....	39 29
<b>Total in fund.....</b>	<b>\$1,021 52</b>

We find a balance on hand in the Patriotic Instruction fund of..... \$21 31

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. TOMLINSON,  
JOHN DEVLIN,  
S. M. KENT,

Executive Committee Council of Administration.

-Report received and adopted.

On motion Encampment adjourned to tomorrow morning  
at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY.

The Encampment opened in due form at 9 o'clock a. m., with the Department Commander in the chair.

Comrade Hilliker, Post 18, on behalf of the local Post and numerous business organizations of that city, invited the Department to hold its next annual encampment at Traverse City, and made a motion to that effect. Seconded by Comrades Dean, Post 137; Smith, Post 60; Devlin, Post 433, and Mallery, Post 382.

The motion was carried, and Traverse City selected as the place for holding the annual Encampment in 1905.

The Junior Vice Department Commander took the chair and Comrade Phillips, from the committee on the Department Commander's Address, read its report, which was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 16, 1904.

To the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment, G. A. R.,  
Department of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was assigned the report of the Department Commander submit the following:

We approve the recommendations of the Department Commander as to limitation of expenses at National Encampments, and would move that all legitimate expenses of the Assistant Adjutant General be allowed. The Department also to pay for headquarter's room, a room for the Department Commander and the Assistant Quartermaster General. All other expenses, including board and mounts, to be borne by each individual. We also recommend the employment of not to exceed two clerks at a per diem of \$4 for the time actually employed at headquarters; also that the Department Commander be allowed to employ a band.

We endorse and approve the recommendation that the Assistant Quartermaster General's salary be fixed at \$50 per annum.

We heartily concur in the sentiments expressed in regard to the reverent observance of Memorial Day.

In accordance with the suggestions of the Commander we recommend that the accumulations of the Alger fund, in excess of \$1,000 be used for the encouragement of patriotic

education, and a further sum of not to exceed \$50 be appropriated for that purpose from the general fund.

We concur in the Department Commander's recommendation relative to the furnishing of stationery supplies by the State, and move that the matter be placed in the hands of the legislative committee yet to be appointed.

We have given careful consideration to that part of the report relative to the Soldiers' Home and Woman's Annex. We consider this the most important matter brought to our attention and we earnestly urge the legislative committee to draft a bill and use their best endeavors to secure its early passage, that shall meet the necessities of the situation.

We commend the economical and business-like methods of the administration for the past year and we move that a Past Department Commander's badge be purchased, at an expense not to exceed \$35, and presented to Comrade D. B. K. VanRaalte, together with the thanks of the comrades of the Department to himself and staff for their efficient and self-sacrificing services in our behalf.

LOUIS KANITZ,  
HENRY S. DEAN,  
C. C. PHILLIPS,

Committee on Report of Department Commander.

Comrade Phillips—I move the adoption of the report.

Seconded.

Comrade Preston, Post 100—While I heartily favor every item of this report, you remember when the Commander made his report, the item in regard to the restoration to membership of those who are on the suspended list, over 2,000, if I remember right, I didn't hear upon what terms he would recommend the restoration of the members. I would like to have some instructions upon that point. If this goes on all our membership will be on the suspended list. We have in our Post restored them if they would pay the per capita tax. What are we going to do?

Comrade Pond, Post 2—I call attention to the fact that this Department cannot change the Rules and Regulations. It is in the Blue Book. Your delegates to the National Encampment can attend to it.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

Comrade Pausler, Post 388, presented the report of the committee on the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, which was read, and unanimously adopted.



The report was as follows:

June 15, 1904.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the  
Twenty-sixth Department Encampment:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the  
Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that  
they find the same correct.

J. O. PROBASCO,  
CHAS. M. PAUSLER,  
Committee.

The committee on the report of the committee on Legis-  
lation submitted the following report:

June 16, 1904.

Commander and Comrades of the Department of Michigan  
G. A. R.:

Your special committee to whom was referred the report  
of the committee on Legislation, beg leave to report that they  
have carefully examined the same and would recommend  
that Secs. 4 and 5 of said report be stricken out and the  
following be inserted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 4. Your committee therefore advise that an amend-  
ment be secured to the law providing that no primary school  
monies be paid to any school district until proper evidence  
has been furnished to the proper officer that said district  
has complied with all the provisions of Act No. 56, Public  
Acts of 1895. Providing further that the duty of enforcing  
its provisions be delegated to some suitable person.

We would further recommend that all of Secs. 6, 7 and 8  
be stricken out and the following be inserted as Sec. 5 of  
said report:

Whereas, the last legislature failed to make the necessary  
appropriation to carry out the recommendation of the State  
Monument Commission, we therefore recommend that the  
next legislature be earnestly requested to make an appropria-  
tion sufficient for the erection of a State Soldiers' Monument  
to commemorate the names and fame and deeds of all the  
soldiers who went out from Michigan in defence of the  
Union, and that said monument should be erected in a  
prominent and suitable place on the capitol grounds in the  
city of Lansing.

That while we are grateful to the legislature and the  
patriotic and good people of the State of Michigan for their  
liberality in erecting beautiful shafts of glistening marble

on southern battle fields, in southern prison, where so many of Michigan's brave sons gave up their lives in defense of our common country, yet we do not feel that full justice will have been done until a suitable monument shall have been placed in our own fair State commemorating the brave and heroic deeds of every Michigan soldier, both living and dead.

C. V. R. POND,

A. MILNES,

Committee.

Comrade Schneider, Post 42—There is one provision there that I think we could not enforce—a recommendation there that no money be drawn until evidence is furnished that its provision has been carried out. If I remember right, the provision granting these moneys for school purposes is a constitutional provision, and I don't think we can alter that. For that reason it seems to me that amendment ought to be changed so as to meet the constitutional objection.

The Department Commander—That is a question that I think the Department should not answer. The courts will take care of that after it is adopted. It will stand as a law until it is decided that it is not a law.

Comrade Mears—I don't remember whether it is a constitutional provision or not, but it is left to the legislature to say how it shall be distributed, and by law they make the distribution. Now what is asked in this report is, that they shall require from the district evidence that the law is complied with before they get their share of the money. If that is passed, the districts will obey the law, and furnish the proper evidence to the proper officer, and there will be no trouble whatever. As the Commander has said, if there should be any question raised on the part of any district their remedy will be in the courts of the State.

Comrade Schneider—What I am aiming at is, that this Department should not stultify itself by recommending a law that will be declared unconstitutional. I may be mistaken about this, or that the legislature is competent to pass a law restricting the distribution till certain evidence that a certain law has been complied with. I am in doubt about that.

Comrade Mears—There are laws declaring in what manner school moneys shall be distributed and I see no reason why this act, if passed, should be questioned in any way.

Comrade Lawrence—As I understand the law, if the treasurer does not secure a certificate from the county

superintendent, the money is withheld until it is furnished. I don't see why that will not be a good law.

Comrade Mears—That will apply to primary school money.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The report of the committee on the Inspector's report was presented, read and adopted. The report was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 16, 1904.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, in annual Encampment assembled:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of Comrade Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector of the Department of Michigan, respectfully report that your committee has carefully inspected such report and fully considered the recommendations therein contained, and find that the Department Inspector has performed his duty with unusual care. That his report is full and intelligent and affords much valuable information.

We further report that the recommendations of the Department Inspector meets with the approval of your committee, and we recommend that the report and recommendations be adopted.

JAMES VANKLEECK,  
A. T. BLISS,  
SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,  
Committee.

The committee on the report of the committee on the Soldiers' Home was presented, read and adopted. The report was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades of the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the committee to visit the Soldiers' Home would respectfully report that your committee most heartily commend the thorough and painstaking manner in which the committee on Soldiers' Home made their inspection of that institution. We also endorse the recommendation for enlarged facilities for the accommodation of the nurses, viz.: That a separate building containing not less than twenty rooms be erected.

J. H. KIDD,  
H. A. BACKUS,  
HENRY FEIGE,  
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Comrade Hopkins--At the last session of the legislature they passed a law authorizing the governor to appoint a commission of three men to visit Vicksburg and, in the language of the law, "to ascertain and exactly determine the position of each Michigan organization in the siege of Vicksburg, and also to recommend to the governor of the State such subsequent legislation as will in the opinion of the commission permanently and suitably mark the positions thus ascertained, and worthily commemorate the valor and services of Michigan soldiers in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg." This commission have performed that duty, and I suppose will go before the legislature at its coming session and ask that a suitable appropriation be made to mark the position of Michigan regiments in the military park at Vicksburg. As a member of that commission I am requested by the other members of the commission to ask this Encampment if they are in favor of it, so we can go before the legislature and say the soldiers of the State would like to see those positions properly marked. I therefore offer this resolution:

Whereas, The legislature of the State of Michigan at the session of 1903 authorized the governor of the State to appoint a commission of three persons to visit Vicksburg, Miss., and exactly determine the positions of each Michigan organization who participated in the siege of Vicksburg.

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., urgently request the legislature of this State at the coming session of 1905 to make such appropriation for a monument as recommended by the commission, at Vicksburg as will permanently and suitably mark the positions thus ascertained and worthily commemorate the valor and services of Michigan soldiers in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg.

I move its adoption.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318—I have got a statement to make and a motion—something that is new, something that has come from the Woman's Relief Corps, something that we all love. Fairbanks Post ladies have taken this in hand under circumstances that were brought very forcibly to their minds. An old lady died in Detroit, who was the widow of a soldier who had seen hard service, and had two wounds in his body. She had \$8 a month, and she received some relief, which kept her body and soul together. She had no money to bury her, and after her death she lay until the Woman's Relief Corps took charge of the matter. Gen.

Alger, and all the congressmen from our part of the State, through the women's influence, have signed a petition which I have in my hand—the Woman's Relief Corps has gotten up a petition for every Post in this State, and will ask the legislature next winter to pass a law that if any soldier's widow dies destitute the State of Michigan will give her an honorable burial, and not permit her to be buried as a pauper. My motion is this, to save the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of Fairbanks Post the expense of nearly \$5, that the Assistant Adjutant General inclose with his next report one of these petitions to every Post.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Cowles, Post 42—I offer the following:

Whereas, The dormitories of the National Soldiers' Homes are large rooms, filled with rows of cots, giving the old soldier occupants no privacy whatever,

Resolved, That the congressmen from Michigan be, and they are hereby requested to use their endeavors to have an act passed by congress providing for the rearrangement of the dormitories of the National Soldiers' Homes after the style of the sleeping apartments at the Michigan Insane Asylum at Kalamazoo, giving to each man a small room, large enough to contain a cot bed, a trunk, a stand and a chair, with a window and with a door opening into a large hall.

Resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department is directed to mail a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of the Michigan congressmen, together with his certificate of their adoption by this Encampment.

I move its adoption.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The committee on resolutions presented the following report:

Battle Creek, Mich., June 16, 1904.

To the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment, Michigan  
G. A. R.:

Your committee on resolutions beg leave to report the following:

Resolved, That this Encampment appreciates the hospitality extended by the beautiful and enterprising city of Battle Creek and for the same we tender our grateful thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks are due and are hereby ex-

tended to the members of the Woman's Relief Corps and to the Ladies of the G. A. R. for their noble and sustained efforts put forth in behalf of our needy and destitute comrades and for their widows and orphans.

Resolved, This Department appreciates the faithful and efficient services rendered by the Department officers and the staff of the Commander during the term now nearing its close, that we particularly commend the wise economy practiced and the prudent husbanding of our financial resources.

Resolved, That this Department reaffirms its former declarations on the subject of a suitable monument to be erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the State at the capitol of the commonwealth.

Resolved, That we commend to the legislature, soon to convene, the Soldiers' Home and the Woman's Annex and respectfully urge for them a generous appropriation.

Resolved, That we appeal to all our citizens and especially to our colleges and public schools to sacredly observe Memorial Day by abstaining from everything calculated to detract from the solemnity of its observance and the wisdom of its teachings.

WASHINGTON GARDNER,  
THOS. S. MCGRAW,  
Committee.

Comrade Pond—I ask that the committee insert that the thanks of this Department be extended to the Officer of the Day and the Officer of the Guard for their assistance here.

The committee accepted the amendment, and as thus amended, the report was unanimously adopted.

Comrade Fenton—I offer the following resolutions:

Whereas, At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at San Francisco, last August, it was unanimously resolved to ask congress to pass a general service pension bill, and,

Whereas, Such bill was introduced during the session of congress just closed and referred to the proper committee where it now is. Therefore be it,

Resolved, By the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., now in session, that we call upon our senators and representatives to use every means in their power to bring about the early passage of said bill at the next session of congress.

This resolution was suggested by the Commander-in-Chief last evening just as he was leaving. I move the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander—The next thing in order will be the election of a Council of Administration consisting of five members.

Comrade Turner, Post 109, nominated Comrade Alfred Milnes, Post 109; Comrade Foote, Post 79, nominated Comrade Freeman Hall, Post 79; Comrade Greenfield, Post 89, nominated Comrade L. H. Ives, Post 441; Comrade Hillis, Post 166, nominated Comrade Henry Clute, Post 166; Comrade Devlin, Post 433, nominated Comrade William Davey, Post 17; Comrade Pearce, Post 5, nominated Comrade W. G. Gage, Post 38; Comrade Kanitz, Post 7, nominated Comrade John R. Bennett, Post 7; a comrade nominated Comrade J. O. Probasco, Post 100.

Each of the candidates were supported by a number of comrades.

Comrades Pausler, Phillips and Clare were appointed tellers.

Moved and supported that the five comrades receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as members of the Council of Administration. Adopted.

A ballot was taken, and pending the ascertainment of its result the regular order of business was continued.

Comrade Harmon, Post 40—I move you that it be the sense of this Encampment that the committee on transportation procure the tickets to the next Encampment limited at 20 days from sale, and give us a chance to see the northern country.

Comrade Janes—I move that the committee on transportation be requested to procure a limit of 30 days for our tickets for the next Encampment.

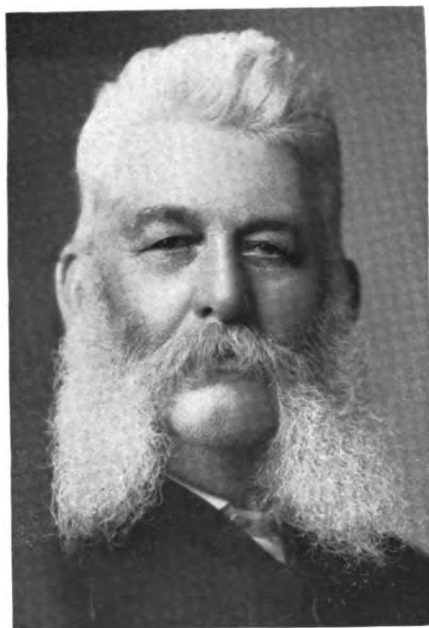
Seconded, and carried.

Comrade Preston, Post 100—In our former conventions we have always passed a resolution in favor of the prisoners of war bill before congress. I wish to make this motion, that we pass a resolution requesting our legislature to memorialize congress to pass that bill for the benefit of the prisoners of war.

Comrade Davey, Post 17—I am glad that resolution has been brought forward here for this Encampment to endorse the bill for the ex-prisoners of war. I find in going through among my comrades that the greatest opposition has been from the comrades of the Grand Army. I think every







**W. W. ROOT,**  
Medical Director.

comrade ought to work for this bill, and do what he can to secure the passage of this bill by congress.

Comrade Foote—What is the purport of the bill?

Comrade Preston—For the legislature of Michigan to request congress to pass the bill. It is a bill to give them \$2 a day for the time they were in prison; that is the main thing—all who were in there 90 days. No one can ever find language to describe the agony and misery endured by these prisoners; and while they were doing that, they were offered their freedom again if they would sign a roll never to take up arms against the Confederacy. The comrades said, "No, I will allow myself to be carried out the keyhole before I will refuse to take up arms for my country."

Comrade Smith, Post 61—I don't believe in putting a money value on patriotism.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—I was never a prisoner of war. I believe that during my three years' of service that I never knew what the troubles and sufferings of war were. When I meet a comrade that was in those prison pens, I feel like doffing my hat to him, and saying to him, "Sir, I do not know what the sufferings of war were." I have been familiar with this bill that has been pending before congress for the last 10 or 15 years. It provides for a per diem of \$2 a day during imprisonment of every comrade who was in prison over 30 days. My heart has gone out in sympathy for these comrades, and for the passage of that bill. Why in the name of God our representatives in congress haven't put their shoulders to the wheel and passed that bill has been beyond my comprehension. I say it is little for us to do today, to pass a resolution as suggested, urging our representatives in Washington to use every means in their power to bring that bill to the front and pass it without delay.

Comrade Roberts, Post 17—I got up to second this motion. I am in the pension business in Detroit. I see those cases right along, not only in Detroit, but all over the State. As the comrade has just stated, I was never a prisoner. I left my right leg on a battle field in 1862, and I haven't done any foot racing since then, but I say those men who were in Andersonville are worse off than I. I have had talks often with congressmen, and they say that the Grand Army opposes this bill. Let us give them to understand this time that we are as a unit, and that we want that bill passed.

The motion prevailed.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the

Junior Vice Department Commander, presented their report as follows:

Battle Creek, June 16, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades of the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander respectfully report that we have given the same our careful consideration and recommend that the report be adopted and that the recommendation relative to length of march at National Encampments be referred to the next Department Commander with instructions to correspond with the National Commander relative to limiting the distance of the march at the next National Encampment.

J. S. KEEN,  
S. S. BABCOCK,  
A. POND,

Committee.

Committee on report of the Assistant Adjutant General presented their report as follows:

Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

Department Commander:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General would respectfully report the following:

This Encampment is to be congratulated on the prompt and thorough manner in which the business of this session has been conducted. This in a measure has been made possible by the efficiency of our Assistant Adjutant General.

His report shows careful preparation and an earnest desire to perform the arduous duties of his office to the best of his ability.

We heartily concur in his request that Post officers be urged to forward their reports to headquarters promptly in order that the work of the Assistant Adjutant General may be facilitated and his report to National headquarters prepared with care and forwarded in proper season.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. R. BENNETT,  
JNO. W. McCRATH,  
D. J. WILLSON,

Committee.

Report of committee on report of the Medical Director presented their report as follows:

Battle Creek, Mich., June 15, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director have carefully examined the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. BRUNDAGE,

Chairman,

ISAAC GRANT,

W. D. BRANARD,

Committee.

The next order of business being the election of delegates and alternates to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment, the Department Commander announced that the nomination of delegate at large was first in order.

Comrade Willson, of Post 48, nominated S. M. Kent, Post 5, for delegate at large. There being no further nominations, Comrade Devlin moved, and it was seconded, that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for S. M. Kent for delegate at large. Unanimously carried, and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote for S. M. Kent for delegate at large, and he was declared elected.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to call the roll of districts for nominations for delegates and alternates. The following were nominated by districts:

DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
Dist.	
1. Chas. A. Bartlett, Post 17.	John Devlin, Post 433.
2. Theo. E. Wood, Post 41.	H. Palmer, Post 45.
3. C. W. Albertson, Post 185.	B. F. Rolf, Post 109.
4. B. D. Pritchard, Post 56.	Henry Miller, Post 39.
5. W. D. Frost, Post 5.	S. H. Mallery, Post 382.
6. W. C. Nesen, Post 42.	Chas. E. Dunston, Post 114.
7. E. G. Spaulding, Post 98.	G. W. Howe, Post 98.
8. Wm. N. Stocker, Post 156.	Wm. Morgan, Post 38.
9. G. W. Wheeler, Post 461.	D. M. Ruggles, Post 3.
10. J. W. Snyder, Post 67.	M. J. Borland, Post 67.
11. "Ren" Barker, Post 451.	Wm. Mears, Post 235.
12. Geo. G. Johnson, Post 8.	A. O. Kruger, Post 300.

On motion the Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the twelve delegates and

alternates as read by districts and they were declared elected.

There being six more delegates to elect the following comrades were nominated:

J. W. Greenfield, Post 89.

D. C. Spears, Post 10.

Chas. W. Lung, Post 100.

A. L. Bryant, Post 255.

E. H. Green, Post 119.

John D. Berry, Post 263.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot for the comrades named and they were declared elected as delegates to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment.

The nomination for six alternates was then made as follows:

M. D. Brainard, Post 111.

D. G. Crotty, Post 17.

Joshua Noah, Post 37.

C. H. Browning, Post 32.

Wm. H. Godfrey, Post 131.

O. F. Kaywood, Post 48.

There being no further nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for the comrades named, and they were declared elected as alternates to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment.

Comrade Forney, Post 91—In regard to Memorial Day. In our city we have a little trouble with reference to Memorial Day services and decorations. The citizens practically took it out of our hands, with another order, the U. V. U. Being Commander of the Post, I was appointed chairman of the committee, and prepared for it. I felt perfectly easy, and everything was working smoothly. When the program came out the Grand Army was left out in the dark, to take the rear. So I wrote to our Adjutant General to know what to do. He advised us to fall into ranks and march, just as the program was gotten up. Post 91 fell in and marched in the rear. We staid in the rear in the cemetery. The U. V. U. did the work and decorated one-half and left one-half without flowers. I then sent a committee to decorate the rest of the graves. The Grand Army never leaves its work half done. I am here to thank the Assistant Adjutant General for the kind advice he gave us.

Comrade Howe, Post 98—I feel deeply interested in what the comrade has reported in regard to Memorial Day. I am glad to know that he did what the others hadn't done—completed the work. I also feel thankful that others saw fit to do one-half of the work, for the time will come when they

will have to do all the work. In Port Huron, where I live, Post 98 was more than gratified to see the way the citizens and the other organizations did the work at the cemetery, and helped us with our programs. As the Catholic priest said to me, "We are with you." Services were performed in the Catholic cemetery and our citizens helped us with the flowers. I am glad to know it. I would like to see a similar wave sweep over the whole State.

Comrade Forney—The comrade don't understand my meaning. Has the U. V. U. order a right to take the Grand Army's place on that day? That is the question I want answered.

Comrade Kaywood, Post 48—I would like to say that in Jackson we have a few young men, sons of veterans, that don't belong to the organization, boys from 12 to 16 years of age, say "Here, old soldiers, we would like to go with you and help to spread the flowers." I have a son who has been with us for four years now, and he says it is the happiest day in his life to go with his father or his comrades to scatter the flowers. And I think, comrades, that one of the grandest works we can do is to ask our boys and our girls to go with us to strew the flowers on Memorial Day. They enjoy it, and they are proud to do it.

Comrade Janes, Post 384—I am very glad that a little discussion has arisen upon this question of the observance of Memorial Day. I find as I go about the State upon such occasions that in some localities that we old boys seem to think that Memorial Day is only for ourselves, and no one else. Memorial Day was originally established by the Grand Army of the Republic to be observed by the loyal people of this country in commemoration of those who fell or died for their country, and we have been looked to to take the initiative of the observance of that day; but I have felt the time was coming when the people of every community all over the country, should be educated that it was not the day simply for the old soldiers, but for the American people to observe in future generations, and that the American people would go in a few years to worship at the shrine of those who freely gave their lives that this country might live. So I insisted in my own town, and the citizens of that town, the common council of that city, some ten years ago, were invited to participate in that parade. The post of honor was given the Grand Army in the rear, and when they came to the cemetery there was open ranks to let the old boys go in. The citizens took hold, the children took

hold, and the burden is on them, because when we go away they are to take up the pleasant duty. Educate them, so that in a few years the graves will not be neglected, but will be decorated by a loving people in honor of the old flag.

Comrade Wright, Post 166—The city of Marshall for years has given the Grand Army \$50 a year as an acknowledgment, for use on Memorial Day. We simply have the money and decorate the graves. I would like to see every other city do the same thing.

Comrade McWilliams, Post 17—My remarks may not be interesting but I think they will be useful. I have had a great deal of experience in Memorial Day business, being the head of our Post committee on decorations. The way we do it in Detroit is this: Detroit has some 1,250 or 1,400 graves. We have nine cemeteries. The Grand Army of the Republic, the U. V. Us., the Sons of Veterans, the Spanish War Veterans, divide the work. We call committees. We notify each organization in Detroit, and send a committee out at a certain time. They will have a general committee, then this general committee will select from each organization certain ones to become what they call a decorating committee, and these decorating committees, one will take one part of the city and another another, and in that way everything works harmoniously. The Department Chaplain will notice from the reports of the different Posts, at least he will from mine, in answer to the question, how many graves did your Post decorate, 1,250 or 1,400. It means they did this with delegates from the various organizations.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318—I am glad this question has come up. We have an outpost, 318, Northville. We go to the public schools with our committee and we say to the teachers, "Last Memorial Day we put flowers upon 64 graves. Sixty-four girls from that public school head our procession with the flowers to place upon these graves. They open ranks, as Comrade Janes has said, we pass through, the citizens go through, and the graves are decorated. We are teaching what we believe to be patriotism with our organization.

Comrade Dean, Post 137—I want to say a few words on this subject. I live in a town where there is located the grandest educational institution in the State of Michigan, the University of Michigan. The rules of that institution are that those buildings shall not be used for any other purpose except educational purposes, and the Board of

Regents voted that when the Grand Army of the Republic wanted the use of those buildings for any purpose, it was educational, and they should have the use of those halls, lighted at the expense of the State. The common council makes an appropriation for the purpose of decorating the graves, and the mayor issues a proclamation inviting all to participate. There is not a denomination in our city that does not send an invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic, and sometimes from every church in the city—Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, German Lutheran Unitarian, Methodist. There is a strife to have us come the Sunday before. The military turn out, the boards of directors of the different cemeteries have ordered their sextons by the 30th of May to have every soldier's grave cleaned and the flag placed on it. We all turn out, and I thank God it is without a dollar of expense to us. We are getting so we can say God bless them, for we know that they will place flowers on our graves when we are gone. We are educating them to take care of the nation.

Comrade Fenton—I tell you what one Post did. It had the arrangements made and everything ready for Memorial Day. The city council put in a wheelbarrow race, a hop, skip and jump, and notwithstanding a request from the Post they would not refrain from that. The Commander says, "We will make a detail to decorate our graves, and we will not participate in the city's demonstration." The officer in command said, "I wish that every comrade and his family would remain outside of the streets during Memorial Day." I think the conduct of the comrades has very much to do with the maintenance of Decoration Day.

The result of the ballot for Council of Administration was announced as follows: Comrade Davey, 142 votes; Comrade Bennett, 115; Comrade Ives, 90; Comrade Gage, 89; Comrade Milnes, 84; Comrade Hall, 72; Comrade Probasco, 57; Comrade Clute, 50; Comrade Miller, 4. Comrades Bennett, Davey, Ives, Gage and Milnes having received the highest number of votes, were declared each to have been elected as members of the Council of Administration.

The officers elect were duly installed by Past Department Commander C. V. R. Pond.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Comrade Fayette Wyckoff as Assistant Adjutant General and Comrade Jacob Bristol as Assistant Quartermaster General. Comrade Wyckoff was duly installed.

Department Commander Hopkins—Comrades, I shall not



detain you by a long speech. I simply want to repeat what I said yesterday, that my heart is full to overflowing with thanks and gratitude for the kind expressions of the comrades of this Department. I want and shall expect your earnest and hearty support. I may fail, although I don't see how I can with the illustrious example of my illustrious predecessors before me, not only the retiring Commander but those who have preceded him. I will do my best to keep up the record of the Department of Michigan. I thank you.

Comrade Wyckoff—I wish to say a word. I recognize that the position to which I have been appointed is one of responsibility. I want to thank the Department Commander for the honor bestowed upon me, and I also want to thank the comrades for their kind greetings. I appreciate and thank you for it. I will do the best I know to merit your confidence in the future as I have in the past.

Comrade VanRaalte—I feel that I wish to thank you all for the kindness you have shown me, and I have only one request, and that is this, that we close, Department Commander, by singing America, and with the benediction by the Department Chaplain.

The Encampment closed with the singing of America, and the Invocation of the Divine Blessing by the Department Chaplain.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

#### ORDERS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, MICH., JUNE 16, 1903. }

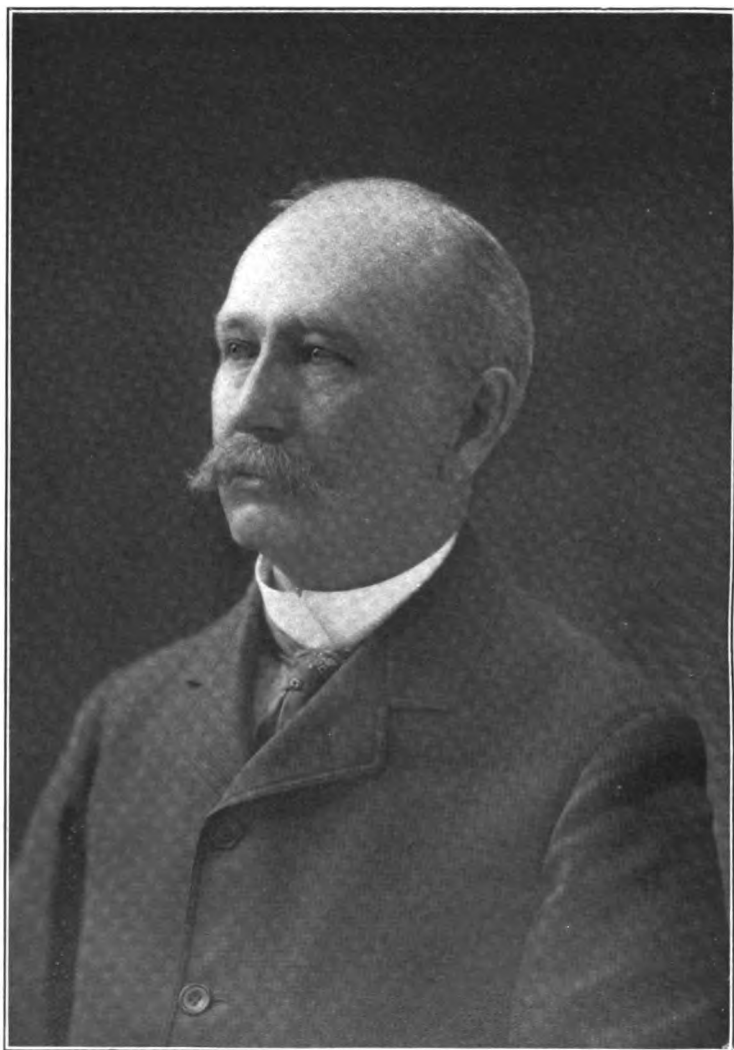
##### General Orders No. 1.

I. Agreeable to the will of the comrades of this Department as expressed at the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment held at Muskegon, June 10 and 11, and having been duly installed Commander of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, I assume the duties of the office. I realize the responsibility which it imposes, and earnestly desire to see our noble order take its place as first in the effort to increased usefulness to our country and comrades. To this end I invoke the assistance of every Post and comrade in the Department.

Comrades let our watchword be, an increase in membership, and to this end let us unite our every effort.

II. The following staff appointments are announced:





JOHN R. BENNETT,  
Chief of Staff

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, Lansing.  
 Assistant Quartermaster General, P. H. McBride, Post 262, Holland.  
 They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. All official communications should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General G. A. R., Lansing, Mich. All personal letters intended for the Commander should be addressed to Holland, Mich.

Additional appointments on the staff of the Commander will be announced in future orders.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JUNE 16, 1903.

#### General Orders No. 2.

I. At the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Muskegon, Mich., June 10 and 11, the following named comrades were duly elected and are here announced for the information of the Department:

Department Commander, D. B. K. VanRaalte, Post 262 . . . Holland  
 Senior Vice Dept. Commander, S. A. Aldrich, Post 7 . . . Muskegon  
 Junior Vice Dept. Commander, E. S. Jameson, Post 384 . . . Marine City  
 Medical Director, W. W. Root, Post 441 . . . Mason  
 Chaplain, Wm. Putnam, Post 42 . . . Lansing

#### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. Tomlinson, Post 269 . . . Plainwell  
 S. M. Kent, Post 5 . . . Grand Rapids  
 D. H. Grow, Post 388 . . . Allendale  
 Reubin Quick, Post 87 . . . Lowell  
 John Devlin, Post 433 . . . Detroit

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, C. O. A.

O. Tomlinson, Post 269 . . . Plainwell  
 S. M. Kent, Post 5 . . . Grand Rapids  
 John Devlin, Post 433 . . . Detroit

#### REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Ellery C. Cannon (at large), Post 16 . . . Evart  
 William F. Atkinson, Post 17 . . . Detroit  
 R. B. Davis, Post 10 . . . Dundee  
 Geo. F. Larned, Post 79 . . . Kalamazoo  
 Geo. A. B. Cook, Post 72 . . . Three Rivers  
 Chas. S. Wilson, Post 395 . . . Grand Rapids  
 E. T. Winter, Post 24 . . . Fenton  
 E. Sanderson, Post 202 . . . Romeo  
 W. H. Presser, Post 38 . . . Saginaw  
 Chas. Miller, Post 7 . . . Muskegon  
 John G. Berry, Post 263 . . . Vanderbilt

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Andrew Curtis, Post 294.....	Big Rapids
Geo. G. Johnson, Post 8.....	Ishpeming
Marvin Preston, Post 384.....	Detroit
P. H. McBride, Post 262.....	Holland
J. R. Stephenson, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
T. E. Potter, Post 42.....	Lansing
W. D. Brainard, Post 111.....	Eaton Rapids
J. M. Greenfield, Post 89.....	Flushing

## ALTERNATES.

Geo. H. Hopkins (at large), Post 384.....	Detroit
H. B. White, Post 17.....	Detroit
O. F. Kaywood, Post 48.....	Jackson
T. J. Snow, Post 40.....	Charlotte
John Seel, Post 14.....	Benton Harbor
Chas. S. Smith, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
L. C. Kanouse, Post 117.....	Byron
O. S. Perry, Post 202.....	Romeo
Jas. T. Hale, Post 307.....	Saginaw
Wm. H. Hall, Post 316.....	Grant
John W. Snell, Post 69.....	Midland
Loren Madison, Post 66.....	East Jordan
C. E. Moore Post 300.....	Marquette
A. L. Bryant, Post 255.....	Mayville
E. B. Fenton, Post 384.....	Detroit
T. N. Stevens, Post 176.....	Stanton
Geo. W. Norton, Post 111.....	Eaton Rapids
Rodney James, Post 404.....	Plymouth
Philimon Bush, Post 59.....	Gobleville

The following additional staff appointments are announced:

Judge Advocate, Bishop E. Andrews, Post 72.....	Three Rivers
Department Inspector, Frank R. Chase, Post 126.....	Belding
Chief Mustering Officer, Andrew J. Ward, Post 145.....	Flint
Chief of Staff, John R. Bennett, Post 7.....	Muskegon
Senior Aide, A. W. Alvord, Post 32.....	Battle Creek

These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Additional aides will be announced in future orders.

## COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

W. G. Gage, Post 38.....	Saginaw
Seymour Foster, Post 42.....	Lansing
L. H. Ives, Post 441.....	Mason

## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384.....	Detroit
J. R. Stephenson, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
Albert Dunham, Post 48.....	Lansing

## COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

S. S. Babcock, Post 17.....Detroit  
 C. E. Foote, Post 79.....Kalamazoo  
 Michael Brown, Post 295.....Big Rapids

II. Post Commanders are requested to forward to these headquarters, without delay, the name of a comrade active in the order, for appointment as Aide-de-camp.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

III. The National Encampment meeting at so early a date, makes it imperative that semi-annual reports for term ending June 30 be forwarded at once. This is an earnest appeal and Post officers are requested to see that reports and per capita tax are sent in without further delay.

Reports from these headquarters must go forward July 10. We must have not less than ten days to compile our report after we have received reports from the Posts. All are earnestly appealed to, to see that the Department of Michigan is kept in the van-guard. Blanks for this report are in the hands of the Adjutants, having been sent the last of May.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

IV. Arrangements are being made for headquarters' train for this Department, and as soon as completed will be announced by General Orders and through the press. Comrades and friends intending to visit the National Encampment at San Francisco to be held the week of August 17, are invited to join this Department in making up an exclusive Michigan train.

V. The journals of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment were received too late for distribution at the Department Encampment. The supply is limited and will not permit a copy for each Post. They will be sent only on request, enclosing 13 cents for postage.

VI. Comrades, at the beginning of my work as Commander, I desire to impress upon each the responsibilities that are ours and the duties we owe to our comrades and country, we have responsibilities that cannot be relegated to others, we are members of an organization that calls for the exercise of a noble and manly spirit seeking to do that which will be for the good of all. Our duties are numerous but let our first duty be to our comrades. There are so many outside of our ranks, let us see to it that they become comrades indeed. This is of greatest importance. Let us fill up the depleted ranks. Much can be done but it must be at personal sacrifice. Our membership can be increased. The Commander will do his part, "will you do yours?"

By command of  
 D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.  
 Official:  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., JUNE 30, 1903.

General Orders No. 3.

1. General Orders No. 8 and 9 from National Department accompany this order. Post Commanders are requested to have these orders read at two successive meetings so that information contained therein may be thoroughly understood.

2. The official route for the Department of Michigan to attend the Thirty-seventh National Encampment to be held at San Francisco, August 17-22, as selected by the committee will be via the Chicago, Northwestern, Union Pacific, Denver, Rio Grande & Southern Pacific R. R. A special order giving full details of the route is being prepared and will be issued at once. Michigan headquarters' train will start from the Chicago & Northwestern depot, corner North Wells Ave. and Kinzie St., Chicago, Monday evening, August 10, 10:30 p. m. This will give parties from all parts of the State ample time to reach Chicago and take this train, which will be an exclusive Michigan train and will be made up of Pullman Palace and Tourist sleepers. This train is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco Sunday morning, August 16th. "Get thoroughly informed before starting and save trouble and disappointment."

3. On account of National Encampment these Department headquarters will close Saturday, August 10, and will be opened in parlor No. 6, in Grand Hotel, San Francisco, California, and remain there until the close of the Encampment. Headquarters will be opened again in Lansing about September 1. Posts needing supplies should order before August 5.

4. The Department Commander desires to call attention to general orders Nos. 8 and 9 from National headquarters. No. 8 gives details relative to the Encampment at San Francisco that should be well heeded by those contemplating going. No. 9 is an earnest appeal for help for our suffering comrades in the flooded districts of Kansas. The Department Commander hopes that this appeal may receive a hearty response from every Post of the Department. Do not delay, the necessities require prompt action. In sending your contributions follow the instructions given in National general orders.

INSPECTION.

5. In conformity to rules and regulations as amended the inspection of all Posts in the Department is ordered. Inspection to be had at the option of the Post Commander between October 1 and December 31, 1903. Post Commanders will recommend some good earnest working comrade for appointment as assistant inspector. Names may be sent to Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector, Belding, Mich., and to whom all reports will be made.

6. The following appointments as aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

A. B. Coffenberry, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
William R. Jones, Post 7.....	Muskegon
H. E. Waterman, Post 9.....	Hesperia
John E. L. Miller, Post 21.....	St. Joseph
J. E. Culver, Post 23.....	Bloomingtondale
Fred T. Dennison, Post 32.....	Battle Creek
Josiah Decker, Post 37.....	Stanton
Thos. M. Smith, Post 37.....	Stanton
Eli Cook, Post 111.....	Eaton Rapids
E. H. Jacobs, Post 205.....	Owosso
Benjamin VanRaalte, Post 262.....	Holland
John Kramer, Post 262.....	Holland
Alvah Nichols, Post 398.....	Brant
Wm. H. Scott, Post 432.....	Marine City
Isreal Youngs, Post 419.....	Bay City
George W. Haveland, Post 425.....	Freeland

Their respective duties will be to actively advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, by visiting Posts in their vicinity and assist in building up the membership.

7. Aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander are requested to provide themselves with the rank badge if they have not already done so.

By command of

Official:

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., JULY 20, 1903.)

General Orders No. 4.

1. Agreeable to previous orders, the Thirty-seventh National Encampment will be held at San Francisco, California, the week of August 17. Special attention is called to Sec. XI, of National General Orders No. 8, of all who expect to attend the Encampment.

2. Headquarters Department of Michigan will be closed at Lansing August 8, and reopened August 17, in room 6, Grand Hotel, San Francisco, and remain during the Encampment. All comrades are earnestly invited to call and register as soon as you arrive in the city. Comrades are also invited to make these headquarters a general rendezvous during the Encampment.

The Department Commander again extends a cordial invitation to all comrades and friends who are going to San Francisco to go on the Michigan G. A. R. special headquarters' train, which will start from the Chicago & Northwestern depot, corner Wells and Kinzie St., Chicago, on Monday, August 10, at 10:30 p. m. This train will be under the special charge of W. H. Guerin, General Agent of the C. & N. W. R. R., 17 Campus Martius, Detroit, Mich., to whom applications for berths in tourist and palace sleeping cars should be made. Secure your berths early and avoid confusion. Orders for berths to be accompanied with the cash.

Special orders containing detailed information have already been sent to each Post. Others may be had on application. A careful reading will enable those interested to act intelligently.



There will be a choice of eight routes returning. Return route must be specified when you purchase your ticket at your home office. Information will also be furnished by the Assistant Adjutant General on all matters relating to the excursion.

### IMPORTANT.

3. Delegates to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment are requested to at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General if they will be able to attend or not, so that alternates may be notified to fill vacancies, if any.

4. Past Department Commanders and delegates will meet at the headquarters, Grand Hotel, room 6, on Tuesday evening, August 18, at 8 o'clock, to receive the delegate badges, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them relative to the Encampment.

5. The Department Commander, Assistant Quartermaster General and others of the Department officers will take train on the P. M. R. R., leaving Grand Rapids at 12 o'clock, Monday, August 10, for Chicago. As many of the comrades as can make it convenient are invited to join him on this train.

6. The rendezvous for comrades and friends arriving in Chicago on Monday, August 10, to take the special Michigan train, will be at the Briggs House, corner 5th Ave. and Randolph St., near the Chicago & Northwestern depot, where they will be met by the Assistant Adjutant General. Sleepers will be ready for occupancy at 9:00 p. m.

7. Aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander will report immediately on arrival at San Francisco to the Chief of Staff at Department headquarters, Grand Hotel, for such duty as the Department Commander may desire of them.

The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Charles P. Coffin, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
Louis Kanitz, Post 7.....	Muskegon
Albert C. Ward, Post 8.....	Escanaba
S. B. Kimball, Post 14.....	Benton Harbor
Charles C. Phillips, Post 19.....	Bangor
John L. Sample, Post 48.....	Jackson
A. W. Snyder, Post 72.....	Three Rivers
Eli Strong, Post 79.....	Kalamazoo
W. J. Ottaway, Post 89.....	Flushing
Bradford Kille, Post 101.....	Ithaca
William Stone, Post 145.....	Flint
Charles B. Streeter, Post 218.....	Luther
John Gilchrist, Post 303.....	Schoolcraft
John C. Holmes, Post 346.....	Hamilton
E. B. Fenton, Post 384.....	Detroit
Geo. C. Wetherbee, Post 384.....	Detroit
N. H. Walbridge, Post 395.....	Grand Rapids

Official: By command of  
**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,** D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

The following letter just received from the chairman of the committee of management will explain itself:

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, GRAND HOTEL, July 15, 1903.

DEAR COMRADES:

It is very important to impress on every comrade who will attend the National Encampment in this city next month to provide for a cold and chilly temperature which may prevail here in August. While the climate is mild and the temperature even the entire year, we have chilly and foggy nights, at times, which are especially severe on persons coming from a warmer climate. Every visitor to this city, whether in winter or summer, should bring heavy underwear and warm outer garments. Upon nearing the city, travelers should be well protected against a possible cold wind and damp fog, else they are likely to take cold. Even in the absence of wind and fog, the temperature is lower here at night than in most places our visitors come from and they should provide for the change.

Please have this information disseminated throughout the Department, so that our comrades may be free from harrassing colds during their stay in California.

GEO. STONE,  
Chairman of Committee of Management.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., OCT. 4, 1903.

General Orders No. 5.

1. The close of the Thirty-seventh National Encampment recently held in the city of the "Golden Gate" marks one more chapter in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was one of much interest to the members of our order. Your Commander avails himself of this the first opportunity, to thank the representatives to the Encampment for their attendance upon and interest manifested in the sessions of the Encampment. Their unanimity of action on nearly all questions of great importance had its resulting influence.

Michigan was well represented in the parade, far above expectation, the Department having more comrades in line than at the former National Encampment held in San Francisco, and the Department Commander takes great pleasure in complimenting the comrades of the Department for their presence and soldierly appearance. Surely the advancing years have not quenched the martial spirit nor diminished the interest in the annual parade.

The special thanks of the Department are due to Comrade Edward S. Jameson, Jr., Vice Commander and Acting Chief of Staff, for his efficient services in forming the parade and to Comrades Fenton, Stoner, and others for so kindly and efficiently assisting the officers at Department headquarters.

2. The presence of the President, officers and delegates of the Department of Michigan, W. R. C., on the special train going and at headquarters was a constant source of happiness and helped to make what might have been a tiresome journey one of pleasure and long to be remembered by all the participants.

3. Headquarters at the Grand Hotel was thronged with comrades and visitors from early dawn until late at night. The largest number of visitors were former residents of Michigan now living on the Pacific coast. They called to extend a welcome to the comrades from their old home and to look for friends whom they had not met for years.

4. Now that the summer vacations are over and the season of activity has again arrived, it is expected that the various Posts will enter upon an earnest campaign of recruiting and looking after delinquents, with proper committees and zeal on the part of Post officers, the losses in the membership of the Department may be turned into gains. Are not the principles and objects of our noble order worthy of our best thoughts and efforts?

5. The attention of the comrades of this Department is earnestly called to the resolutions submitted by the committee on pensions, and unanimously adopted by the Thirty-seventh National Encampment and published in "Circular Letter No. 1" from National headquarters. Here is subject matter for our earnest consideration. Nothing can be accomplished without work; let the Posts of this Department do their part by agitating the matter. And use all honest effort to convince the people of "the justice and wisdom of these resolutions." Let us by our words and acts, individually and collectively, help to bring about the action expressed in the resolution.

6. The following additional appointments as Aide-de-camps on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

S. M. Trowbridge, Post 35.  
Eugene Muffitt, Post 17.  
C. E. Rogers, Post 45.

Isaac Wheeler, Post 89.  
Moses C. Cate, Post 168.  
Charles W. Dipple, Post 5.

7. The time for the annual inspection of Posts is near at hand. The inspection will be held in conformity to rules and regulations, and in obedience to General Order No. 3, paragraph 5, current series.

Blanks for report of Post Inspectors will be sent with these orders to the Adjutants of Posts, who will see that they are placed in the hands of the Post Inspectors.

Post Commanders who have not sent in the name of a comrade for Assistant Inspector, will do so at once. Sending name and postoffice address to Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector, Smyrna, Mich.

The Department Inspector announces the following named comrades to be Assistant Inspectors. They are hereby appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Henry S. Kelley, Post 14.  
D. Y. Cook, Post 34.  
J. S. Hicks, Post 35.  
A. H. Towne, Post 68.  
John Hoffmaster, Post 80.  
Cyrus Phelps, Post 89.  
John Zarbaugh, Post 101.  
J. D. Morse, Post 126.

Chester McIntyre, Post 168.  
Alba S. Harris, Post 234.  
Zenoa B. Woody, Post 288.  
Washington Miller, Post 294.  
E. B. Metcalf, Post 307.  
G. E. Parker, Post 453.  
B. VanRaalte, Post 262.

8. The attention of the Department has been called to the fact that a man by the name of Wilson, claiming to represent a firm in Washington, D. C., is collecting money from comrades. He claims that congress has passed a law giving to all soldiers who have not taken up their homestead claim one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. The soldier is asked to advance two dollars on the fee to prosecute his claim, the balance of fee to be paid when the money is secured from the government. As there is no such law, the comrades are warned against paying any money to strangers on such representations.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

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## In Memoriam.

It is with sorrow the Department Commander announces the death of

COLONEL CHAS. V. DELAND,

Died at Jackson, Michigan, Sept. 19, 1903.

Comrade Deland was an earnest and faithful comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. He served as Assistant Inspector General on the staff of Past Commander-in-Chief, Thomas J. Stewart. As a soldier, he served with distinction during the entire war. First enlisting as captain in the 9th Michigan Infantry, Oct. 12, 1861. Taken prisoner at Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 12, 1862. Exchanged Dec., 1862. Colonel First Sharpshooters Jan. 1, 1863. Wounded at Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864. Wounded in action before Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864. Wounded and taken prisoner at Poplar Springs Church, Va., Sept. 30, 1864. Exchanged Feb., 1865. Honorably discharged Feb. 4, 1865. Brevet Brig. Gen. U. S. Vol's March 14, 1865. He carried with him to his grave the marks of an honorable service rendered to his country. In private and public life he was a conscientious and public spirited citizen, a true friend. His ideals were high. The death of such a man is a public loss.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., NOV. 21, 1903.

General Orders No. 6.

I. At the first meeting of the Post in December occurs the annual election of the various officers of the Post, also delegates and alternates to the Twenty-sixth Annual Department Encampment to be held in Battle Creek. (Date to be announced later.)

The basis of representation is one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof based on number of members in good standing June 30, 1903. Every Post, however small, is entitled to one delegate and one alternate.

All Post Commanders in good standing are members of the Encampment and should not be elected as delegate or alternate.

II. Immediately after the election Post Commanders will see that the names and address of the Post officers and delegates, with alternates, are forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General on the blanks now being sent. It is from these blanks that the Department roll for the Encampment is made and great care should be taken to have names and address plainly written and correctly spelled, any omission or errors in names causes much confusion and unnecessary labor.

III. Blanks for the semi-annual reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster for the term ending Dec. 31, 1903, are sent herewith. These reports must be filled out at the last meeting in December and with the per capita tax of ten cents for each member in good standing forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

IV. Make all drafts or postoffice money orders payable to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Do not send private checks.

V. Post Commanders will see that semi-annual reports are forwarded before Jan. 10, 1904; delays in sending in reports causes delay and extra labor to the Department. Let us make a reputation for promptness by promptness on your part.

Posts that fail to make their report or to remit their per capita tax will be reported as delinquents and be deprived of representation in the Department Encampment.

VI. The first meeting in January is one of unusual interest and importance. At this meeting occurs the installation of officers, unless otherwise ordered at a special meeting called for that purpose. That this meeting may be made of interest the Department Commander would recommend the holding of public installation jointly with the Woman's Relief Corps. If a public installation is held the opening and closing part of the services must be omitted. No effort should be spared to make this meeting of exceptional interest. Invite all veterans and their families to attend.

VII. The installing officer should be selected by the Post Commander elect and, where possible, should be a Department officer or Past Post Commander. Special detail will be made by the Assistant Adjutant General upon the application of the Post Commander it being understood that any expense incurred by such detail will be paid by the Post requesting the special detail.

No installation can legally be held until the semi-annual reports and per capita tax have been forwarded. Installing officers will ascertain

if the rules and regulations in this respect have been complied with before proceeding with the installation.

VIII. Post Quartermasters will file their bonds before they are installed.

IX. Post surgeons will see that their reports are promptly made and forwarded to Dr. W. W. Root, Medical Director, G. A. R., Mason, Mich.

X. In making up the semi-annual reports attention is called to the figures in red ink, they are taken from the reports of June 30, 1903, and must not be changed. All gains should be added to the number in good standing and from this aggregate deduct all losses. Some Posts have fallen into the error of deducting dropped members from the aggregate. This cannot be done as all dropped members have been deducted when suspended, and do not duplicate names in gains or losses that were reported in previous reports.

### INSPECTION.

XI. Posts that have not appointed Assistant Inspectors are requested to do so at once and the Assistant Inspector when so appointed will proceed at once with the inspection of the Post without further orders or instructions from headquarters.

Inspectors' reports should be forwarded to Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector, Smyrna, Mich. Inspection blanks have already been sent to the Post Adjutant.

The following comrades have been recommended and are hereby appointed as Assistant Inspectors and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

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H. H. Weaver.....	4	J. D. Jackson.....	62
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Clark Reynolds.....	9	Theodore Miller.....	87
William Bell.....	10	Martin F. Buell.....	88
J. E. Smith.....	15	Jas. H. Wellington.....	90
E. C. Cannon.....	16	B. F. Gooch.....	97
John A. Lane.....	17	J. H. Kenney.....	98
J. W. Hillaker.....	18	E. N. Thayer.....	100
John Lane.....	21	M. Coade.....	103
E. F. Winter.....	24	Henry Firth.....	109
James H. Slayton.....	26	J. J. Holmes.....	111
S. M. Rawson.....	27	John Triphagen.....	112
John Wheeler.....	29	L. C. Kanouse.....	117
Geo. A. Brown.....	30	E. D. Sargent.....	120
William Dowsett.....	32	C. W. Damon.....	121
William C. Nesen.....	42	W. H. Garrison.....	125
James K. Crane.....	43	W. M. Young.....	129
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Wm. P. Grover.....	144	Marshall Peabody.....	283
S. J. Cloonan.....	147	D. S. Irwin.....	302
Wilber Thompson.....	149	O. Parsons.....	314
M. A. Abbott.....	151	Edward Haws.....	315
H. D. Pugh.....	160	Samuel L. Lawrence.....	318
Chester McIntyre.....	168	J. M. Henderson.....	326
Thomas Keys.....	170	L. N. Duvoo.....	327
Wm. Grove.....	171	Geo. H. Godfrey.....	350
Asa Morse.....	176	R. M. Seaton.....	352
F. A. Bacon.....	182	D. H. Warren.....	358
Edward Eskels.....	194	David A. Curtis.....	364
E. Burlington.....	196	W. S. Little.....	375
Geo. H. Post.....	200	Martin Cox.....	382
Asher Miller.....	203	Charles Kaufman.....	393
W. R. Smith.....	205	Chas. M. Ravnor.....	395
F. W. Beshtold.....	206	Walden DeClarence.....	398
Wm. H. Beach.....	208	Geo. C. Peterhens.....	404
H. D. Smith.....	210	A. C. Gillett.....	405
E. Crittenden.....	212	Enos Page.....	408
J. H. Birchard.....	213	E. H. Saylor.....	410
N. R. Menold.....	218	Samuel Fuller.....	417
Edward Bosley.....	221	A. J. Cooke.....	419
E. L. Cooper.....	228	Samuel Bossett.....	426
John L. King.....	233	J. F. Lyon.....	429
Alba S. Harris.....	234	Wm. N. Siggins.....	433
R. H. Halsted.....	239	Alphonzo Munger.....	436
James H. Sawdy.....	241	L. F. Billman.....	442
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General Orders No. 4, from National Department accompany these orders. The good things the Commander-in-Chief has to say to his Aides-de-Camp will in a measure apply to Aides-de-Camp on Department Commander's staff and is commended to their special attention.

XIII. The Department Commander hopes that there will be renewed activity all along the line during the winter months. Posts that have no W. R. C. Auxiliary are urged to organize one; you will receive inspiration and help by doing so. Try it.

XIV. Posts desiring the proceedings of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment, held at Washington, can have a copy by sending 12 cents to pay postage.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,

Department Commander.



Posts of the Department contemplating the erection of Memorial G. A. R. Halls will be interested in the following:

To each Post in the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., that will build a Memorial Hall, outside walls of stone to cost as much or more as the Dewey Post Hall, of Leslie, which was dedicated Nov. 18, 1903, and cost \$3,468.73. To all such halls that are built and dedicated before Jan. 1, 1905, I will present \$10 each.

T. E. POTTER,  
Lansing, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., FEB. 23, 1904.

#### General Orders No. 7.

1. General Orders No. 5, from National Department, accompany these orders. As they contain information relative to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment to be held at Boston on the week of Aug. 15, 1904, Post Commanders will see that they are read at two successive Post meetings.

2. The Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan will be held at Battle Creek, June 14, 15 and 16, 1904. The announcement is made thus early, hoping that all members of the Department Encampment will make note of the date and make preparations to be present. Headquarters will be established at Post's Tavern.

The agitation of new pension legislation and other matters of interest to the veteran will make this a notable Encampment. Full details as to meeting of Council of Administration and Credential Committee, with railroad and hotel rates will be made later.

3. Several Posts have not as yet sent in their reports and per capita tax for the second term ending Dec. 31, 1903. It will be necessary for such Posts to send their reports and per capita tax at once. It is hoped that not one Post will be delinquent.

4. The Posts that have neglected to send in the list of officers for 1904 will do so without delay, it is important that the name of the Post Commander and Adjutant, with their postoffice address appear in the Department Roster. This is nearly ready for the printers. We dislike to publish the Roster without your officers' names.

5. Credentials.—Every Post that has not already done so must send without delay to the Assistant Adjutant General the names of their delegates and alternates to the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment, together with names of all Past Post Commanders. We must have these returns so that the credential rolls of the Encampment may be completed.

6. The attention of Posts is called to paragraph VI in General Orders No. 5, National Department, relative to Post Rosters. Posts having Rosters will transmit the same to E. F. Ware, Commissioner of Pensions, as requested.

7. Rules and Regulations.—The committee appointed at the Thirty-seventh National Encampment to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, have completed their work and the revised edition with all amendments is now ready for distribution. Every Post is requested to secure three or more copies, as

they deem best. Destroy all other editions. Price of the new edition is six cents per copy.

8. It is suggested that Posts commence at an early date to plan for the observance of Memorial Day.

By command of  
Official: D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Department Commander.  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Wanted.—The address of John Griffith (or Griffin), Lieut. and Capt. First Mich. Inf., and Robert F. Selfridge, Lieut. 22d Mich. Inf., or of any comrade who knew Hiram Hunt, late of Co. F, First Mich. Inf., by James E. Pettit, Binghampton, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., APRIL 23, 1904.

General Orders No. 8.

Monday, the 30th day of May, will be observed as Memorial Day. Thirty-six years ago Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in General Orders No. 11, inaugurated Memorial Day. The day so interwoven with memories of the past that we look forward to its coming with hearts saddened by the memories of heroes who sleep their last long sleep.

The death roll of forty years has added thousands upon thousands to the nearly half million graves left behind us in the four years of desperate strife. Nearly all of our gallant leaders have passed away to join the silent ranks above. "No tear can disturb their profound slumber; no perfume of flowers make their rest more sweet."

Wherever Memorial Day is observed let it be an inspiration to a higher ideal of American valor, a more sacred reverence for those who offered their lives and marched forth under the starry emblem "The Flag of the Free" to do battle for their country.

Each year our lines are shortening here, while they lengthen on the eternal camping grounds. We have more graves to decorate and fewer comrades to discharge this sacred duty. Under these conditions let us invite all the people to unite with us in this service, especially the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and the children of the public schools. There is no better way to teach lessons of patriotism and prepare those who are to come after us to take our places in the high and responsible duties of American citizenship.

Posts are requested to attend divine services on the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day. This is a beautiful custom and Posts should make arrangements to attend such service at least once on Sunday, May 29. Where possible let the comrades appear in uniform with badges and colors, inviting the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans and kindred patriotic organizations to join in this impressive service, preliminary to the greater service of Memorial Day.

Past Department Commander Dean has well said: "Comrades, Memorial Day is our day; make it impossible by your devotion to the memory of the soldier dead, for any persons to turn the hours of the day into a season for sport, pleasure or financial gain."

The Post Chaplains, will, without delay, report to the Department Chaplain, on blanks that will be sent to Post Adjutants, the number of graves decorated and all matters of interest connected with the observance of the day.

By command of  
 D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.

Official:  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., MAY 2, 1904.

General Orders No. 9.

1. As heretofore announced the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Battle Creek, June 14, 15 and 16.

2. Headquarters of the Department will be established at Post Tavern, and will be open at 9 a. m. on Tuesday the 14th, where all comrades and their friends will be welcome.

Headquarters at Lansing will be closed Saturday, June 11, at 4 p. m., and reopened again as soon after the Encampment as possible.

3. The Executive Committee Council of Administration will meet at headquarters' room at 10 a. m., on the 14th.

The Council of Administration will meet at 3 p. m. for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

4. The Committee on Credentials will consist of Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, and the following named comrades:

H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw; A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5, Grand Rapids, and Albert B. Simpson, Post 32, Battle Creek. They will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at Post Tavern at 2 p. m., June 14, and will remain in session until the convening of the Encampment, to issue the Encampment badges to all who are entitled to seats in the Encampment. Delegates and all entitled to these badges are urged to call upon the committee and present their credentials immediately after their arrival in the city.

Delegates must apply in person for their badges. No badges will be issued to alternates unless the delegate is absent. No proxies will be recognized.

Post Adjutants are requested to see that their delegates and representatives from their respective Posts are furnished with proper credentials.

5. The Department Commander hopes that there may be a large attendance. Let every Post of the Department be represented.

The Encampment is centrally located in one of Michigan's most thriving cities. The loyal citizens will extend to you a hearty greeting. Let the members of the Grand Army of the Republic show their appreciation by the largest attendance for many years.

6. Commander-in-Chief Gen. John C. Black, accompanied by Adjutant General Chas. A. Partridge and Chief-of-Staff C. H. McConnell will be present and speak at the camp fire to be held at the Opera House on the evening of June 14.

All of the Past Department Commanders are expected to be present and participate in the proceedings of the Encampment.

7. The Encampment will convene at 10 a. m., Wednesday, June 15.

8. The Michigan Passenger Association have granted a rate of one fare plus 25 cents, for the round trip from all points in Michigan. Sale of tickets going, June 13, 14 and 15; limited to return to and including June 18, 1904.

9. The committee on accommodations have furnished the following list of hotels and rates:

Post Tavern, \$2.50 to \$4.00 per day; Williams House, \$2.00 per

day; Halladay Inn, \$2.00 per day; The Sanitarium, \$2.00 per day; The Phelps Sanatorium, \$2.00 to \$5.00 per day; Hotel Bismark, \$1.25; Little William's Restaurant, 12 South Jefferson St., \$1.00 per day. Private houses \$1.00 per day.

Applications for rooms at the hotels should be addressed direct to the hotels. For accommodations at private houses, address F. J. Kellogg, chairman of the entertainment committee.

10. Comrade J. J. Cornwall, of Post 32, is detailed to act as officer of the day, and Comrade Albert Griswold, of Post 32, is detailed to act as officer of the guard during the Encampment. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The Commander of Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek, will detail as many comrades as may be necessary to act as guards during the Encampment.

The officer of the day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions at 7:30 p. m., June 14.

### ANDERSONVILLE PRISON.

11. The occasion of the unveiling of the Michigan monument, erected to the memory of the soldiers of Michigan, who died in Andersonville prison, will take place May 30.

Governor Bliss and staff, with the members of Andersonville Prison Monument Commission, and others who wish to accompany them, will leave Detroit by special train from Michigan Central R. R. depot at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, May 28, going by way of Toledo, Cincinnati, Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta to Andersonville. Going, this train will stop at Nashville on May 29, from 6 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., will be in Andersonville the entire day May 30. Returning will stop at Atlanta, May 31, from 3 a. m. to 2 p. m. Arrive at Chattanooga 6:30 p. m., May 31. Leave Chattanooga 5:30 p. m., June 1, arriving in Detroit on the afternoon of June 2.

Round tickets from of some of the principle cities as follows:

Grand Rapids, \$27.80; Port Huron, \$27.58; Lansing, \$27.06; Detroit, \$26.15; Saginaw, \$28.30; Muskegon, \$28.84; Jackson, \$26.39.

Corresponding low rates from all points in Michigan. These rates are good only on the special train.

Gen. Geo. W. Stone, Lansing, Mich., has charge of the sale of sleeping car berths. Those desiring should secure them at once. The price of berth for the round trip is \$12.50, section, \$25.00. Write him for full particulars.

This special train makes the round trip solid. No changing of cars.

Your local railroad agent will gladly supply you with all particulars regarding the trip.

### SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

12. Blanks for Adjutant and Q. M. semi-annual report for the term ending June 30, 1904, will be sent to Post Adjutants before the first of June. Special attention is called to these reports. Owing to the early meeting of the National Encampment, August 15, Adjutant General Chas. A. Partridge has issued a call for the reports to be in his hands by July 15. This means that each Post must send their reports to these headquarters by July 5, as we must have at least ten days to

compile and get them ready to send forward. Post Commanders are requested to see that these reports are forwarded without delay immediately after the last meeting in June.

The Journal for the Thirty-sixth National Encampment held at Washington, D. C. was not received until after the close of the Department Encampment at Muskegon. As but few of the Posts have made application for the Journal, it, with the Journal of the Thirty-seventh National Encampment, will be distributed to the Posts through their Commander or representatives in attendance upon the Encampment at Battle Creek.

Tuesday, the 14th day of June, is "Flag Day." It is hoped that every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic will show his respect for the flag and the day by displaying the flag over their homes and at their places of business, and request your neighbors to do the same. Invite the teachers of the public schools to arrange a special service of exercises commemorative of the birthday of our glorious flag.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,

Department Commander.

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**Joseph C. Bontecou.**

It becomes the sad duty of the Department Commander to announce the death of Past Senior Vice Department Commander Joseph C. Bontecou, of Col. Lombard Post No. 170, Petoskey, Mich., who died at his home in Petoskey, March 25, 1904, after a long and painful sickness.

Comrade Bontecou was born in Rhode Island in 1838, enlisted April 24, 1861, as private in Co. G, 2d Ky. Infantry, and was discharged from the service as captain in the 10th Ohio Battery, July 17, 1865, having served his country faithfully for four years and more. Eight months of this time being spent amidst the hardships and privations of a confederate prison. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1883 as charter member of Col. Lombard Post No. 170, was Commander of his Post in 1890 and Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan in 1899.

Comrade Bontecou was an earnest, upright and respected citizen, a faithful and true comrade. We tender our condolence to his bereaved family, and as a mark of respect for our departed comrade, the colors of the Department will be draped in mourning for thirty days.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., MAY 23, 1904.

## General Orders No. 10.

1. Blanks for Adjutants and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending June 30, 1904, and Post Chaplain's reports of Memorial Day for 1904 are enclosed herewith.

2. The very early date of the National Encampment, makes it necessary that these reports be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General by July 5, not later.

3. The attention of Post Commanders is especially called to the following letters received from Adjutant General Charles A. Partridge. If these requests are to be promptly met, the Posts of this Department must act promptly. Comrades will you do your part to maintain the credit of this department in forwarding reports as requested?

Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill., April 16, 1904.

"Assistant Adjutant General,  
 Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Dear Comrade—I am taking this early occasion to write to each Assistant Adjutant General with reference to the reports due from the several departments in July next.

As you are aware the National Encampment is to be held at Boston during the week which opens with August 15. This date is rather early, and will call for very prompt action in order that the reports may be consolidated and published in advance of the Encampment, I would therefore, suggest that the necessary blanks be sent out during the last days of May, with the request to each Post Commander or Adjutant that he complete, sign and mail the report at the close of the last meeting in June.

Every Department report ought to be on file at these headquarters as early as July 15. I ask that you give this matter careful study, and that you act so promptly and so effectively that I may not be obliged to wait, or resort to the expense of telegraphing.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE,

Adjutant General.

Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill., May 4, 1904.

"Dear Comrade—The Chaplain-in-Chief requests me to urge upon all Department Chaplains the necessity of obtaining and sending to him as soon after Memorial Day as practicable, their reports for the year. I would suggest that you take immediate steps to place in the hands of each Post Chaplain, the customary blanks together with a request that he make his report to the Department Chaplain June 1. The Department Chaplain should be impressed with the necessity of completing his report and sending it to the Chaplain-in-Chief by June 30.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE,

Adjutant General."



4. By the above letters you will see that the Assistant Adjutant General and Department Chaplain are called upon for prompt action. Post officers can do much to facilitate this work. And upon your promptness will depend the standing of this Department. There will be no time for writing urgent appeals to those who fail to send in their reports. Some Posts meet but once a month, and that early in the month, these can be forwarded at once and will be out of the way for those to come later.

It is hoped that all will understand and act in accordance with instructions.

5. The Commander-in-Chief has changed the date of his visit to our Encampment, and to accommodate him, the date of the Camp-fire has been changed to the evening of the 15th of June.

6. Your Department Commander again calls attention to the approaching "Flag Day," June 14, and appeals to each member of the Grand Army of the Republic to show his loyalty and love for the flag under which he marched to victory, by displaying the same on your homes and places of business.

You are again reminded that the patriotic citizens of Battle Creek are making every effort for your entertainment on June 14, 15 and 16, let us show our appreciation by a large attendance.

By command of  
 Official: D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Department Commander.  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 LANSING, MICH., JUNE 26, 1903.

TO CALIFORNIA, AUGUST, 1903.

#### Special Order No. 1.

Official route for headquarters' train, as selected by the committee on transportation and approved by the Department Commander, will be via the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Union Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, Rio Grande Western, and Southern Pacific Railways.

Train will leave the Chicago & Northwestern Depot, corner Wells and Kinzie Sts., Chicago, Monday, August 10, 10:30 p. m.

#### TICKETS.

The fare for the round trip from Chicago and return is \$50.00. From points in Michigan, add one cent per mile in each direction from starting point to Chicago. Tickets will be sold to San Francisco or Los Angeles, good for return, limited to October 15.

#### IMPORTANT.

When purchasing ticket you must designate your choice of route for return. Parties desiring to visit Los Angeles or Southern California and return via Ogden or Portland routes must be sure that Los Angeles be made destination of ticket.

Before starting on return journey it will be necessary to present tickets to the joint agent at San Francisco or Los Angeles, who will validate them for the return trip. It will not be necessary to deposit tickets, but they must be presented for validation before October 10. Fee for validating tickets will be 50 cents.

### STOP-OVERS.

This train, going, will run through solid to San Francisco, stopping four hours in Denver, with stop at Colorado Springs from 12:30 p. m. until the next morning, then giving a daylight ride through Pueblo and the Royal Gorge, and from Salida northwest through a succession of mountain scenery, including the Sangre de Cristo and Collegiate ranges, Leadville, Tennessee Pass, the Mount of the Holy Cross, and the Cañon of the Grand River.

A day will also be spent at Salt Lake City, the picturesque Mormon capital, during which a short trip can easily be made to Fort Douglas, the military post near the city, and to Saltair, the famous bathing and summer resort.

The Special will arrive in San Francisco at 6:00 a. m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

On the return trip stop overs will be allowed on the lines at points west of Denver, Colo., San Antonio, Texas, or St. Paul, Minn., but on these lines tickets must be deposited with agents at stop-over points immediately upon arrival.

### SLEEPING CAR RATES.

Cost of double berth in first-class Pullman or tourist sleeper:

Chicago to San Francisco, without stop-over, in standard Pullman is \$14.00.

Chicago to San Francisco, without stop-over, in tourist sleeper is \$6.00.

On account of the stops made en route and the privilege of occupancy at Denver, Colorado Springs, and Salt Lake, the cost of double berth in palace sleeping car on the "Michigan special" is \$17.00, and on the tourist sleeper, \$7.50. Section (upper and lower berths) equal to the cost of two berths.

There will be a limited number of drawing rooms in the palace sleepers, each room containing two lower berths and one upper berth, with private toilet, cost of which on this train will be \$65.00.

### OPTION OF RETURN ROUTES.

Without additional charge except as noted.

Route A—With or without side trip to Los Angeles and return, thence from San Francisco via Shasta route to Portland, Oregon; Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., Oregon Short line and Union Pacific through Pocatello and Cheyenne to Omaha, and the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Omaha to Chicago. From Pocatello a five and a half day trip through the Yellowstone Park can be made at an additional cost of \$49.50, including hotels, meals and stage transportation while in the Park.

Route B—With or without side trip to Los Angeles and return, thence from San Francisco via Shasta route to Portland, thence to Seattle,

thence via Northern Pacific, through Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota, to St. Paul, thence to Chicago over the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. This route will give an opportunity to make a five and one-half day trip through the Yellowstone Park. The expense of the side trip will be \$49.50 from Livingston, which will include hotels, meals and stage transportation while in the Park. Cost same as route A.

Route C—Same as route A to Portland and Seattle, thence via Victoria and over the Soo-Pacific route to St. Paul, thence to Chicago via the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

Route D—Same as A and B to Portland and Seattle, thence over the Great Northern Railway to St. Paul, thence to Chicago via the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

By all routes returning via Portland the fare is \$11.00 more than returning via Ogden or the Southern routes.

Route E—From San Francisco to Los Angeles via either the Coast Line or San Joaquin Valley, thence via the Santa Fe System through Arizona, New Mexico and Kansas City to Chicago. On this route the Grand Cañon of Arizona is reached from Williams, Ariz.; cost of side trip to Grand Cañon and return, \$6.50.

Route F—Choice of routes to Los Angeles as in route E, thence Southern Pacific to El Paso, and over the Rock Island System through New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas City to Chicago.

Route G—Choice of routes to Los Angeles as in E and F, thence Southern Pacific via El Paso, across Louisiana to New Orleans and Chicago.

Route H—With or without side trips from San Francisco to Los Angeles and return, thence Southern Pacific to Ogden, Union Pacific to Omaha, Chicago & Northwestern to Chicago, or from Ogden via Denver to Kansas City, and any line to Chicago.

#### NOTES.

Baggage should be plainly marked with the name of owner and should be checked through from the starting point to San Francisco on Michigan G. A. R. special. It is desired that as little baggage as possible be carried. Arrangements will be made by which passengers can have access to it en route at all times if desired. Passengers will be furnished with tags which will assure their baggage being checked and going through on the Michigan headquarters' special.

#### PULLMAN SLEEPING CAR RESERVATIONS.

Space will be assigned in the order in which applications are received, for either the palace cars or tourist sleeper. In making application, be sure and state whether you desire space in the palace or tourist car.

As the capacity of the Michigan G. A. R. special train will necessarily be limited, and as heavy demands for accommodations are expected, reservations should be made as promptly as possible, the full name and address of each applicant being given. The money for space desired must accompany the application in order to secure reservation. Either New York draft, express order or postoffice order. Applications for sleeping car reservation must be made to W. H. Guerin, general agent passenger department C. & N. W. Ry., 17 Campus Martius, Detroit, Mich.

In order to obtain all those benefits arising from the use of a special train operated on schedules so arranged as to give the best opportunity for sight-seeing en route, and permit the entire party to stop over together at given points of notable interest, the Michigan special G. A. R. train from Chicago to San Francisco via the Chicago, Union Pacific and Northwestern line has been arranged for the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment G. A. R. at San Francisco, August 17 to 22, 1903, upon the schedule shown below. This special train will leave Chicago at 10:30 p. m., Monday, August 10, and will be under the personal direction of W. H. Guerin, general agent passenger department, of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. This train will consist of Pullman, standard and tourist sleeping cars, and meals will be served at first-class dining stations en route at an average cost of 50 cents each.

### MICHIGAN G. A. R. SPECIAL LEAVES CHICAGO MONDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lv. Chicago (C. & N. W. Ry.)....	10:30 p. m., Monday,	August 10
Ar. Boone (breakfast).....	7:30 a. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Lv. Boone.....	8:00 a. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Ar. Omaha (dinner).....	2:00 p. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Lv. Omaha (U. P. R. R.).....	3:30 p. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Ar. Columbus (supper).....	6:40 p. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Ar. Denver.....	6:00 a. m., Wednesday,	August 12

Four hours in Denver—tour of the city and the suburbs in "seeing Denver" trolley cars.

Lv. Denver (D. & R. G. Ry.).....	10:00 a. m., Wednesday,	August 12
Ar. Colorado Springs.....	12:30 p. m., Wednesday,	August 12

Remainder of the day at Colorado Springs, Cheyenne Cañon, Manitou, Garden of the Gods and Pike's Peak.

Lv. Colorado Springs.....	6:30 a. m., Thursday,	August 13
Ar. Pueblo (breakfast).....	7:30 a. m., Thursday,	August 13

Through the Royal Gorge and Cañon of the Grand River by daylight.

Ar. Salida (dinner).....	12:00 noon, Thursday,	August 13
Lv. Salida.....	1:00 p. m., Thursday,	August 13
Ar. Glenwood Springs (supper)....	6:30 p. m., Thursday,	August 13
Lv. Glenwood Springs.....	8:30 p. m., Thursday,	August 13
Ar. Salt Lake City.....	8:30 a. m., Friday,	August 14

Spend the entire day at Salt Lake City.

Lv. Salt Lake City.....	8:00 p. m., Friday,	August 14
Lv. Ogden (S. P. Co.).....	9:00 p. m., Friday,	August 14
Ar. Elko (breakfast).....	7:00 a. m., Saturday,	August 15
Ar. Humboldt (dinner).....	1:00 p. m., Saturday,	August 15
Ar. Truckee (supper).....	7:30 p. m., Saturday,	August 15
Ar. San Francisco.....	6:00 a. m., Sunday,	August 16

In order that Michigan and the Department may be well represented on this overland trip, it is our earnest request that all the comrades, the ladies of the W. R. C., the Sons of Veterans, kindred organizations, join with us at Chicago on this headquarters' train. The sale of tickets is not in any sense limited to members of the G. A. R. and affiliated orders. A cordial invitation to join the party is extended to any who wish to visit California under these most favorable conditions. The Assistant Adjutant General will be at the Briggs House, corner of Fifth Ave. and Randolph St. (near the Chicago & Northwestern station), on Monday, August 10, to meet parties arriving in the city during the day or evening. Train will be ready for occupancy at 9:00 p. m.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., DEC. 30, 1903.

Circular Letter No. 1.

Dear Sir and Comrade—A letter from the Commander-in-Chief to this Department, calls attention to the fact that "many of the Posts of the various Departments are passing resolutions favoring some other service pension bill than that authorized by the resolution of the Grand Army of the Republic at its Thirty-seventh National Encampment held at San Francisco, August, 1903."

Comrades, you will at once recognize the fact that to divide on the question is to invite defeat. The National Department, through its pension committee will use every endeavor to secure the passage of a bill in accordance with the resolutions as passed at San Francisco.

For the Posts of this or any Department to pass resolutions favoring other pension enactments is unwise to say the least and "so surely as the Grand Army of the Republic divides in its actions, so surely will the bill authorized by the National Encampment, and which is to be presented by our pension committee to congress for consideration upon its reassembling in January be defeated."

It is hoped, yea earnestly requested, that the Posts of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, present a solid front, and without one dissenting vote, work for the passage of this service pension bill. "If a great constituency, such as the Grand Army of the Republic, is united in its earnest request for legislation that request will be heeded."

We must recognize the fact that this proposed legislation calling for the disbursement of a large sum of money will call for close scrutiny of the bill, and the request most critically considered.

"The Commander-in-Chief earnestly urges that you use every means in your power for the adoption of resolutions favoring the service pension act called for by the Thirty-seventh National Encampment. Earnestly decry efforts in other directions, and for other measures of relief."

The Department Commander most heartily seconds the appeal for united action and urges every Post to take action immediately. Many Posts have already passed resolutions endorsing the action of the

National Encampment. If they were not in line with the resolutions of the National Encampment, reconsider them.

Resolutions embodying the idea urged in the Commander-in-Chief's letter are sent for your consideration. After action by the Post on these or other resolutions, the Post Commander will send two certified copies to the Assistant Adjutant General G. A. R., Lansing, Mich., and one certified copy to the member of congress of the district in which your Post is located or to one of the U. S. senators of the State as the Post may decide.

Every Post Commander is expected to use all diligence in the performance of this very important duty.

The national pension committee will meet in Washington about the 12th of January and will remain in session as long as it feels it can accomplish good.

All will see the necessity of prompt action on this matter—let the influence of the great Department of Michigan be felt by acting as a unit in behalf of the many needy comrades and their families.

By order of

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

LANSING, FEBRUARY 23, 1904.

Circular Letter No. 2.

Comrades—The Department Commander desires to extend greetings to all the comrades of the Department, and to urge upon them renewed activity through the year upon which we have just entered.

To the newly installed Post Commanders the Commander extends his best wishes for your success in every department of your work. This calls for personal sacrifices on your part. In the discharge of your duties strive to merit the approval of every member of your Post.

It is to be hoped that every officer of the Post will discharge his duties with a spirit of loyalty to the advancement of the G. A. R. Let every comrade feel that he has a part in the work of our noble order, realizing that personal responsibility that comes from a loyal heart and devotion to duty, that will help you to put forth every effort to make this the best year of your existence as a Post, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

### RECRUITING.

Comrades, are there no veterans of the great civil war living within the jurisdiction of your Post who are not members of the Grand Army? Look about you. You will find many. It is only by work that results are accomplished. Let it not be said that the days of our usefulness are over. Extend the warm hand of comradeship and fraternal greeting to the comrade who has become lukewarm.

Work for the restoration of the delinquent and suspended members. Seek to infuse a new spirit of love and companionship. Let the fire of youth be rekindled in our hearts. Let us seek to do, not shrinking from any duty.

## PENSIONS.

Every comrade is interested in the pension legislation, now before congress. This should appeal to all veterans for undivided support. Over sixty general pension bills have been introduced during the present session of congress.

Many have merit but it is evident that all cannot pass. The committee appointed by the National Department of the Grand Army of the Republic have introduced one of these bills. That committee is now in Washington supervising and urging the passage of the bill prepared in accordance with the suggestions of the National Encampment held at San Francisco. Many Posts have already endorsed this bill by resolutions. Let us supplement the resolutions by petitions to be circulated and signed, not only by veterans but by all "loyal" men in the country. Where it is not convenient to circulate petitions, let personal letters be written to your members of Congress, and senators urging the passage of this bill.

## PATRIOTISM.

To teach the never dying love of country and its flag is one of the great duties of the Grand Army of the Republic. The memory is still green with the trials and hardships, the triumphs and glories of the army of which you were all members. Let us teach that this spirit is just as noble, and the flag as dear today as when in the enthusiasm of our youth we marched under its starry folds. Our country is receiving daily large numbers of foreigners from every land, of every tongue. To teach them lessons of patriotism is our solemn duty, but the youth of our land in the public schools is our special heritage. Let us brand upon their young minds while they are most susceptible, lessons of patriotism and a love of country and the flag that shall never die.

Fraternally yours,

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }

LANSING, MARCH 8, 1904. }

## Circular Letter No. 3.

For the first time since its organization, the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., last year, 1903, offered prizes to the students of the high schools of the State for the best essays on "Memorial Day." The result was in every particular a most gratifying success.

Believing that the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, will do its duty towards the public schools of our State, and to enable the Department to better carry out the good and great work of stimulating the teaching of patriotism in the schools. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration held at Department headquarters, February 17, 1904, Capt. Theodore E. Potter, special aide to the Commander-in-Chief in charge of military

education and Patriotic Instruction, met with the Department Commander and committee to consider future plans for this work. And, in order to relieve the Department of any financial burden in its execution, and to provide means to carry on this work of patriotism so successfully begun, the following resolution was unanimously and heartily adopted:

Whereas, The Department of Michigan, desiring to stimulate and encourage the schools of the State to give effective instruction and training in patriotic citizenship, and to interest the pupils in a subject whose influence cannot be estimated; it was therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, raise a special fund for the purpose of carrying on the work, and awarding prizes to the pupils of our schools for the best essays on patriotic subjects to be designated, and that an appeal be made to the Posts and to patriotic citizens for contributions to this special fund.

It is therefore hoped that every Post will respond liberally and promptly to this appeal, the object of which is a noble and far-reaching one. Let every member of the Grand Army feel that he has a worthy part in this important work.

Contributions to be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan, who will turn the fund over to the Assistant Quartermaster General, to be paid out on proper vouchers. Circulars giving full particulars as to prizes and subject to be written upon will be issued to the schools at once. We express the hope that this important work, so befitting us, will receive your hearty sympathy and support.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



## STATUTE LAWS.

Laws of Michigan affecting veterans passed by the legislature down to and including the session of 1903.

## SOLDIERS' HOME.

[Act No. 152, Session Laws 1885, p. 172; amended 1889, Act 103, p. 108; 1891, Act 44, p. 44.]

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines in the State of Michigan.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be established in this State an institution under the name and style of the "Michigan Soldiers' Home," and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the general fund for preparing grounds, and for the erection of suitable buildings and fixtures thereon, and equipping the same; and the further sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of maintaining such Soldiers' Home for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-five and eighteen hundred and eighty-six: Provided, That the board may use ten thousand dollars of the above, or so much as may be needed, to support or maintain such persons as are entitled to support under this act up to the time the home is ready for occupancy, in such manner and such place as the board may deem best: Provided, however, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers hereinafter created to draw upon the sum hereby appropriated an amount exceeding one hundred and ten thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five and the sum of forty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Sec. 2. The general supervision of said Soldiers' Home shall be vested in a board of managers to consist of six members, who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate, the members of which board shall hold their office for the respective terms of two, four and six years from the first day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, said respect-

ive terms of office to be designated in their several appointments, and thereafter there shall be two members of said board appointed every two years, whose term of office shall continue for six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor shall be a member of said board ex-officio, and shall be chairman thereof.

Sec. 3. The said board is hereby empowered to select and establish with all convenient dispatch a site for the Soldiers' Home, and for that purpose they are authorized to receive proposals for the donation of lands for the location of such home in behalf of the State and for the benefit of such institution: Provided, That good and [and] sufficient titles to any lands thus granted shall be obtained by said board before any such site shall be fully established.

Sec. 4. The said board, having established a site for the home, shall immediately deposit a certificate of their determination, together with all conveyances of lands granted, in the office of the Auditor General. They shall also prepare, or cause to be prepared, and adopt a plan for the grounds, buildings and fixtures necessary for such institution, of such form, dimensions, style and finish, as when completed the grounds and improvements thereon, including the buildings and fixtures therein, shall be at a cost to the State not exceeding the sum hereinbefore appropriated.

Sec. 5. The board of managers having secured a site and adopted a plan for the grounds and buildings, which shall not comprise less than one hundred acres of land, shall forthwith proceed to advertise for proposals for the erection and furnishing of such parts of the buildings, in accordance with their plans, as may be necessary to put the said institution in readiness at an early day for the reception of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as shall be hereinafter declared entitled to homes in said institution; and upon the reception of any such proposal they may, in their discretion, make contracts with such bidders as shall make proposals most conducive to the interests of the State, taking into consideration the price, time of performance and responsibility of the contractor, with such sureties as he may offer; which contract, when duly executed, shall also be deposited in the office of the Auditor General, and a duplicate of said contract shall

be kept by the secretary or other proper officer of the board as part of the records of the institution.

Sec. 6. Each of the members of said board shall be entitled to receive three dollars per day for each day he shall be engaged with the business of the board and his actual and necessary expenses, the accounts for such expenses and compensation to be allowed by the Board of State Auditors and paid from the general fund in a similar manner to those for members of other boards of the several State institutions.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the members of the board of managers to meet annually at the home on the second Wednesday in March of each year, and at said annual meeting they shall elect to their own body a treasurer and clerk, who shall hold their office for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the board of managers to meet once in every three months, on their own adjournment, and oftener if they should deem it advisable, at which meeting they shall prepare and carefully digest and mature a system of government for said home, embracing all such rules, regulations and general laws as they may deem necessary for preserving order, for enforcing discipline, for preserving the health of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as may be received at this home.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of maturing said system of government and discipline it shall be competent for said board to authorize one of its members to visit similar institutions now in operation, and by personal inspection and investigation to acquire an insight into the principles and practical workings of said similar homes, for the information and benefit of said board, the expense actually and necessarily incurred in any such visit and investigation to be charged against the appropriation hereinbefore made.

Sec. 10. The board of managers shall have power, and it shall be their duty to appoint a Commandant for said home who shall be an ex-officer, soldier or marine, whose salary shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars per annum, and who shall nominate for the action of the board of managers, all necessary subordinate officers, who shall also be ex-officers, soldiers, sailors or marines, who may be dismissed by said Commandant for inefficiency or

misconduct; but in case of every removal a detailed statement of the case shall be reported to the board of managers by the Commandant. The board of management shall have power to fix the salaries of all subordinate officers: Provided, The amount so paid shall not exceed such reasonable compensation as is paid for the like service in similar institutions.

Sec. 11. All honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war of the rebellion, or in the Mexican war, and who are disabled by disease, wounds or otherwise, and who have no adequate means of support, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning their living, and who would be otherwise dependent upon public or private charity, shall be entitled to be admitted to said home, subject to the rules and regulations that shall be adopted by the board of managers to govern the admission of applicants to said home: Provided, That no applicant shall be admitted to said home who has not been a resident of the State of Michigan for one year next preceding the date of the original passage of this act, unless he served in a Michigan regiment or was accredited to the State of Michigan.

Sec. 12. The method of drawing money from the State treasury and accounting for the same shall be similar to that now in force with other State institutions, as prescribed by the general law.

Sec. 13. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, and for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six the further sum of forty thousand dollars, which sums when collected shall be passed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse the same for the amounts advanced under the provisions of this act.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

Approved May 21, 1889.

Approved April 28, 1891.

[Act No. 249, Session Laws of 1889, p. 370; amended Act 47, p. 143, 1895.]

AN ACT relating to the admission of insane members of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to the insane [asylums] asylum of the State, and to their support at such asylums.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That in case any member of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall become insane and shall be so adjudged according to law, and shall be sent to any one of the asylums for the insane, such insane inmate shall not thereby lose his connection with said Michigan Soldiers' Home, and the proper officers of said Soldiers' Home shall claim from the general government any proportion of the cost of maintaining such insane inmate to which said Soldiers' Home is entitled by law.

Sec. 2. Whenever any such inmate of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall be adjudged insane according to law, the probate judge having jurisdiction thereof may commit such insane person to any insane asylum of this State to be there maintained and supported at the expense of the State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved July 3, 1889.

Approved March 29, 1895.

[Act No. 90, Session Laws 1895, p. 199.]

AN ACT to provide for the maintenance of discipline and for the better government of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the officers of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, shall consist of a Commandant, with the military rank of Colonel; an adjutant, with the military rank of Major; a surgeon, with the military rank of Major, a Quartermaster, with the military rank of Captain; and such non-commissioned officers as the Commandant may from time to time appoint.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commandant to provide some suitable place within said home wherein disobedient or otherwise disorderly persons can be re-

strained, and the said Commandant or such other officer as may be temporarily in command may place in restraint any disobedient or otherwise disorderly person until such person can be brought before the proper judicial tribunal, or until the necessity for such restraint shall have passed away: Provided, No person shall be so restrained more than forty-eight hours.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of such Commandant to make a detailed written report of every case in which said restraint shall have been resorted to, to the board of managers of the home at the next meeting of the board after such action shall have been taken.

Sec. 4. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 24, 1895.

#### WOMAN'S ANNEX.

[Act No. 212, Session Laws 1893, p. 423.]

AN ACT establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late Civil War, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be erected, at some suitable spot upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to be designated by the board of managers of said Soldiers' Home, a dormitory building, cottage, or cottages, not to cost, when finished, a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, for the care of soldiers, sailors and marines, who served in the late civil war and were honorably discharged, their wives and mothers: Provided, That such wives must have been married to soldiers, sailors and marines during the war or previous to January first, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Sec. 2. In case the husband is living and does not wish to be separated from his wife by entering the Soldiers' Home, then he shall also be eligible to admittance to the above mentioned dormitory, cottage or cottages, together with his wife and minor children under fourteen years of age, if any.

Sec. 3. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the general fund, to be used for the

purpose of erecting and furnishing said dormitory or cottage buildings, and the further sum of five thousand dollars is also appropriated for the maintenance thereof for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four: Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers to draw a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and five thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Sec. 4. The government of this home shall be vested in the board of managers of the Soldiers' Home, as provided for under act one hundred and fifty-two, section two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. The [Commandant] Commandent of the Soldiers' Home shall have direct control and supervision of the Home herein created, and the officers of the Soldiers' Home shall also be the official officers thereof.

Sec. 5. Any moneys, which may be paid to the said board of managers from subscriptions, donations, or any source whatever of like private beneficence, should there be a surplus at the annual meeting at the end of the year, shall be covered into the State treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund.

Sec. 6. The board of managers shall elect out of their own body a chairman, secretary and treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 7. All supplies for said institution shall be purchased and furnished under the direction of the Commandant of the Soldiers' Home, as may be prescribed by the board of managers.

Sec. 8. The conditions as to eligibility, shall be the same as prescribed for the admission into the Soldiers' Home of the soldiers, sailors and marines, under act one hundred and fifty-two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, viz.: The husband or father must have served in a Michigan regiment, been accredited to the State of Michigan or have been a resident of this State one year previous to the passage of this act.

Sec. 9. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, and in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be assessed, levied and collected according to law, which sums, when collected,

shall be passed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse it for the advances made under the provisions of this bill.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 2, 1893.

### BURIAL OF SOLDIERS ETC.

[Act No. 170, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to authorize the burial of the body of any honorably discharged ex-Union soldier, sailor or marine in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray his funeral expenses.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated by law for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be, in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent or respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed forty dollars, the body of any honorable discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine, having at any time served in the army or navy of the United States, who shall hereafter die, not leaving means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person as appointed who shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors, and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed in the foregoing section, before he assumes the charge and expense of any such burial, to first satisfy himself by a careful inquiry into and examination of all the circumstances in the case, that the family of such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, if he had any at the time of his decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable, for want of means, to defray the expenses of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, to be buried as provided in section one of this act, and he



shall also immediately report his action to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county, setting forth all the facts, and that he found the family of such deceased person, if he had any, in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the expenses of such funeral or burial, together with the name, rank and command to which he belonged as such soldier, sailor or marine, the date of his death, place where buried and his occupation while living; also an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors, upon receiving the report and statement of expenses provided for in section two of this act, to transcribe in a book kept for that purpose, all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine. It shall also be the duty of said clerk upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor or marine, to make application to the proper authorities under the government of the United States, for a suitable headstone, as provided by act of congress, and to cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's or marine's grave.

Sec. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial, as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 10, 1885.

[Act No. 33, Session Laws 1887, p. 31.]

AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of any county in this State to purchase lots in any cemetery or burial place for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be lawful for the board of supervisors of any county in this State to purchase one or more lots in any cemetery or burial place, for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army of the United States in the late war of the Rebellion.

Sec. 2. The title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall be vested in such county or in such incorporated Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the board of supervisors may designate, such title to be held by such

Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall revert to the county when such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic shall cease to be a legal corporation.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 17, 1887.

[Act No. 33, Session Laws 1887, p. 31.]

AN ACT to provide for the joint erection of soldiers' monumental buildings by township, incorporated villages and cities, and to permit the same to unite with any Grand Army Post in the erection of such buildings.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That whenever any township, incorporated village or city, or county, in which a soldiers' monumental building is proposed to be erected by any Post or Posts, or the Department of Michigan, of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, shall desire to unite with such Post or Department in the erection of such building for township, village or city purposes, such township, village or city, shall have the right to aid and assist in the construction and building of the same to the same extent as though such [building] buildings were to be used solely for such township, village and city or county purposes, and such township, village, city or county shall have power, and they are hereby authorized to contract with any such Post or Department, whenever the same shall have been incorporated, and thereby determine the proportions that said township, village, city or county shall pay towards the construction of said building, the architecture and arrangements of the same, and the separate portions respectively which shall be occupied or used by the respective parties to such contract.

Sec. 2. And for the purpose of carrying the same into effect, the said township, village, city or county is authorized to appoint by its township board, village trustees, or common council of any such city, or board of supervisors of any such county, a board of three trustees, who shall constitute the building committee in behalf of said township, village, city or county, under the supervision of the township board, village trustees, or common council, or board of supervisors appointing them, and who shall have power under such supervision to make the con-

tracts hereinbefore specified, and oversee on the part of such township, village, city or county, the work of constructing such building, and who shall audit and sign all vouchers on account of the same.

Sec. 3. It is further provided that the township, village, city or county so uniting in the erection of any such building may raise the funds necessary for the same in the same manner and to the same extent as is now provided by law for the building of municipal buildings.

Sec. 4. Such buildings shall be and remain the property of the said municipal corporation after the dissolution of such Grand Army Post, but it shall be forever dedicated as a memorial building to the memory of the Union soldiers of the war of the Rebellion, and all relics, documents, books, papers and library belonging to such defunct Post, or which may be deposited afterwards for such purpose, shall be cared for therein by proper supervision, by the public authorities, in a proper room or rooms kept for that purpose, and which shall at all reasonable times be kept open and free to the public: Provided, That in case any surviving organization of the descendants of such soldiers become and remain an incorporated body, as such incorporated organization, may, at its option, and said town, village, city or county is hereby authorized and required, if so desired, to permit the said incorporated organization to maintain, so far as possible, the same relations to the said municipal corporations in said buildings, in substantially the same manner and to the same extent, during the life of said corporation or that of any corporation formed as its successor, having the same ends in view as the Posts or Department of the Grand Army of the Republic might or could do: And provided further, That the amount of money contributed by said Post or Department to the construction of said building, in case the same, upon the dissolution of such Post or Department, shall be and remain so long as may be necessary a perpetual fund devoted to the maintenance of such building as a memorial building.

Approved June 7, 1889.

## ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN MICHIGAN SOLDIERS.

[Act No. 203, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to provide that certain Michigan men who served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, shall be enrolled in this State, with the same rights and benefits of volunteers who served in Michigan regiments.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That all persons that during the late war of the Rebellion have served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, and who, at the time of their enlistment, were citizens of and had lost their legal residence in this State, and who were duly mustered into and honorably discharged from the United States service, and who were never credited to this or to any other State, shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, filed with the Adjutant General, be considered as having enlisted from this State and shall have their names enrolled upon the books and records of that office, and be credited to the several localities and districts of this State, for the period they actually served, as the proofs in each case shall warrant.

Sec. 2. Upon such enrollment such persons shall be recognized by this State as Michigan soldiers, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits now or hereafter extended to volunteers who were enrolled and rendered similar service during said late war in regiments organized in this State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 17, 1885.

## PAYMENTS OF STATE BOUNTIES.

[Act No. 157, Session Laws 1885, p. 212.]

AN ACT to provide for the adjudication and payment of certain claims for State bounties due to Michigan soldiers and supposed to have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors be and is hereby authorized and instructed to examine into and determine the rights of certain claimants to State bounties, which bounties, it is alleged, have been paid by the State upon

forged or fraudulent vouchers, and to adjudicate and determine upon all questions of fraud in relation to such bounties.

Sec. 2. For the purposes herein provided, said board is hereby directed to hold its sessions at the capitol at Lansing, at such times, and as often as shall be necessary to transact and complete the business of adjudicating such claims. Said board is further authorized and directed to establish such methods of adjudication, and prescribe such mode of proof as shall seem to them most conducive to the object intended to be accomplished by this act, and as shall be the least expensive to such claimants. They shall have further power in all cases where it may seem to them to be necessary to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to call for papers and enforce the production thereof. They may also prescribe and provide suitable blanks, and do any and all things necessary and lawful for the prompt and faithful execution of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of this act, it shall not be deemed necessary in establishing a claim, for the soldier, or his widow or children, having a claim under the provisions of act number twenty-seven of the session laws of 1865, approved February 4, 1865, and being compiler's section 937 of the compiled laws of 1871, to comply with the technical requirements contained in the last three subdivisions of section one of said act, nor shall it be necessary to make any technical proof of a similar nature to that contained in the aforementioned provisos of said act number twenty-seven, but it shall be made to appear in all cases that the soldier enlisted and was mustered into the service of some regiment or other military organization of this State, and was credited to this State or to some military subdistrict therein: Provided, That no payment shall be made upon any assignment of such claim, nor to any person except to such identical soldier, or in case of his death, then to his widow or children, or their legal representatives: Provided, further, That the statute of limitations shall not be a bar to any claim by such soldier, or his widow, children or legal representatives.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear upon such examination that "the bounty due" said soldier, so enlisted and mustered, has been paid to any other person, upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and that his bounty is still justly due him, the said board shall audit the claim, and issue a certifi-

cate showing the fact and directing the amount found to be due to be paid to such soldier or his heirs, and upon such certificate the Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the treasurer of the State of Michigan for the amount found due by said board as shown by such certificate, and the treasurer shall pay the same out of any money appropriated for that purpose, or any money not otherwise appropriated.

Approved June 9, 1885.

[Act No. 138, Session Laws 1891, p. 171.]

AN ACT providing for the payment by the State of bounties offered to soldiers and sailors under the call of the President of the United States of February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and remaining due to them and their heirs.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be paid to each enlisted man who enlisted and was mustered into the military or naval service of the United States during the late war of the Rebellion, under the call of the President of the United States bearing date February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and who served in a Michigan regiment, company or battery, or who served in any organization from any other State, and who was credited to this State, or to any county, township, city or village, or military subdistrict therein, under offers of bounties made by virtue of acts passed by the legislature of Michigan, such sum or sums as may remain due to such soldier or sailor under said offer of bounties, and in case of his death, then to his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, then to the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, or in case neither widow nor child survive him, then to his father or mother in the order named.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, upon application being made to them by any such soldier or sailor, or his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, his father or mother, as aforesaid, for the payment of such bounty, to ascertain upon proper and sufficient proofs, to be made in such manner and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors:

First, Whether the applicant is a soldier or sailor, or the legal representative of a soldier or sailor, who is entitled to the bounty under the provisions of this act;

Second, The amount of bounty, if any, heretofore paid to such soldier or sailor by this State.

Sec. 3. If it shall appear that said applicant is entitled to the sum claimed or any part thereof, they, the said Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, shall make the necessary certificate showing the amount so due, with certificate, together with the proofs and copies of the records relating thereto shall be forwarded to the Board of State Auditors. The Board of State Auditors shall thereupon examine and review such proof, and if found correct draw their warrant upon the State treasurer for the amount so due, and the amount of said warrant (together with the date of its drawing), shall be communicated to the person entitled to receive the same, together with a voucher to be executed by the recipient of said bounty and returned to the Auditor General, according to certain rules to be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors, and thereupon said warrant shall be forwarded to the person so entitled to said bounty, and when properly endorsed and presented in due form to the State treasurer, shall be paid out of any moneys in the State treasury for that purpose appropriated, and in case there shall not be sufficient money in the State treasury applicable to such purpose, such warrant shall remain as an obligation against the State until paid, and a sum of money not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of said bounties.

Sec. 4. All applications for bounties, now on file in the office of the Board of State Auditors, shall be transferred to the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, and considered by them as original applications.

Sec. 5. It shall not be necessary to employ any agent or attorney for the prosecution or collection of said claims for bounties; but they shall be settled and adjusted directly by the Quartermaster General, Adjutant General and Board of State Auditors, without cost to said applicant, and the checks drawn in payment of these bounties shall be mailed directly to the claimant, or the money paid to the claimant, and it shall not be lawful to pay any moneys to third parties except after the transfer of said checks by indorsement of the soldier or claimant in whose favor the same was drawn.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 16, 1891.

## INCORPORATION OF G. A. R.

[Act 37, Session Laws of 1883, amended Act 84, 1889, p. 87.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgements of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the officers above mentioned and their place of residence;

Second, The corporate name by which the association shall be known in law;

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, and the period for which it is incorporated, which shall not exceed thirty years.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and thereupon the persons who shall sign such articles of association, and their associates and successors, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession and shall be persons in law capable to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy to them and their successors' estates, real and personal, of suing and being sued, and to have a common seal which may be altered or changed at pleasure, but said corporation shall have no power to divert any gift, grant, or bequest from the specific purpose or purposes designated by the donor or donors. It shall also have the power to act as trustee under any gift or bequest for any specified purpose within those named by its rules and regulations, or the spirit thereof, and may



administer such trust by such officers and in such manner as is in accordance with such rules and regulations of the order and with the specified instructions of the donor or donors, and such trust when so created shall not be invalid for want of the names of specific beneficiaries to be benefited thereby. And in case the charter of any such Post or Department should be taken away or surrendered, or whenever such Post or Department shall become defunct as a corporation and incapable of carrying out the provisions of any such trust as trustee thereof, the same shall be turned over to and received by a commission, or board of trustees, of not more than three persons in number, which said board of trustees shall be appointed by the circuit court of the county in which said Post was organized, or if said property be real estate, in which said real estate is situated, which said board of trustees shall continue to administer said trust fund in accordance with the provisions and the spirit of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the conditions expressed in said trust, and they shall account to and be governed in the management thereof by said court, and may be required to give the same bonds as receiver appointed under the general powers of the court: Provided, That the value of the real estate and personal estate owned in fee by said Post or Department, shall not exceed the value of one hundred thousand dollars, and that they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, devise and dispose of such real and personal estate or any part thereof to be disposed of, together with the proceeds, rent and income, as directed by such corporation under its rules and regulations. Said corporation shall have full power to make and establish rules and by-laws for regulating and governing all of its affairs and business not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this State or of the United States, and to designate, elect, or appoint from its members such officers under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sec. 4. A copy of the records of such articles of association under the seal of the State, duly certified by the Secretary of State, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to institute and charter Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within this State, and from time to time

issue such orders for the government of Posts as are not repugnant to the rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States.

Sec. 6. At any time when a subordinate Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said Post, resolve to become incorporated, the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant of such Post may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, specifying as provided in section two of this act, and file a copy of the resolutions passed at a regular meeting of the Post, with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be found, which shall be recorded by such clerk in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose, and thereupon such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law with the same powers, duties and liabilities, as the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, have under section three of this act: Provided, That a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the circuit court of the county where such record is recorded, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all the courts of this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable memorial edifice, building, or hall as to such corporation may seem proper for its purpose, and it may, if so desired, create for that purpose a capital stock of not more than one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than ten dollars each, which said shares may be subscribed for and held by any person, but in case such persons, or any persons holding shares who are not members of said Post, or of the Department Encampment of said Department, or agents of the same, they shall have no voice in the control of said building during the life of said corporation. And provided further, In case any such corporation so desires, it may, for the purpose of building any such memorial buildings, unite in the erection thereof with any township, village, city or county, to be used jointly for the purposes of the Grand Army, and the public purposes of any such

public corporation, in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto respectively: Provided, That in case of the joint erection of any such memorial building, that when any such Post or Department becomes defunct as a corporation the said building shall belong in perpetuity to the public corporation and its successors, subject to the provisions of law. And any such corporation organized under this act may take, purchase, hold and own suitable lots or parcels of ground as may be convenient for the purposes of a cemetery, and make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots therein and the burial of the dead: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to [affect] effect any municipal regulations in regard to cemeteries: And provided further, That any such corporation may join with any public corporation in the creation of such cemetery, or division of any existing cemetery, but in case of such joint agreement, such cemetery, after the dissolution of the said corporation, shall revert to and become the property of, or subject to the control of, any such public corporation, to be maintained by it in perpetuity as a distinct Grand Army division of such cemetery.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

#### LEASE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO G. A. R. POSTS.

[Act No. 79, Session Laws of 1889, p. 84.]

AN ACT to authorize the leasing of public buildings and parts thereof in this State to Grand Army Posts at a nominal rent.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan, enact, Any county, city, town, village, or school district in the State of Michigan is hereby authorized to lease for any period not exceeding five years each to any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic established in any such county, city, town, village or school district, to be used by such Post, any public building or any part thereof, belonging to any such county, city, town, village or school district except school houses in actual use as such, at a nominal rent to be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county, the board of aldermen of such city, the township board, the board of trustees of such village, or the school board or boards of education of said district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

TO PREVENT ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE BADGE OR  
BUTTON.

[Act No. 181, Session/Laws 1901.]

AN ACT to amend the title and section of act number seventy-eight of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven, being an act entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or the badge of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and being section eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight of the Compiled Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the title of act number seventy-eight of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows, to wit: "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and that section one of said act, being section eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Any person who shall wilfully wear the badge or the button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insignia, badge or rosette of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use the same with the intent to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved, 1901.

PROPERTY OF POSTS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

[Act No. 25, Session Laws 1895, p. 107.]

Sec. 3. The following personal property shall be exempt from taxation:

Third, Of all Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Union Veterans' Unions and of the Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith.

[Act No. 44, Session Laws 1901.]

Sec. 7. The following real property shall be exempt from taxation:

Eleventh, All lands with the buildings thereon owned by any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic or Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith when such lands and buildings are occupied and used by such Post or Woman's Relief Corps exclusively for the purposes for which they are organized.

#### STATE ARMS FOR SONS OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 141, Session Laws 1885, p. 158.]

AN ACT to authorize the use of condemned State arms by the organization known as the Sons of Veterans.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Quartermaster General of this State be and is hereby authorized to furnish each of the organizations known as the "Sons of Veterans" in this State with four of the condemned muskets belonging to the State. Said muskets are to be used by said [organization] organizations until such time as the [organization] organizations shall be disbanded, and upon such disbanding they shall be returned to the State.

Sec. 2. In order to insure a prompt return to the State of such arms upon the disbanding of such several organizations, the Quartermaster General shall in each case require of such organization a good and sufficient bond in such amount and with such sureties as he shall approve, conditioned for the prompt return of said arms as aforesaid.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

## RELIEF COMMISSION.

[Act No. 253, Session Laws 1895, p. 548.]

AN ACT to amend sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief, outside of Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and to add two new sections thereto to stand as sections five and six of said act.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of the several counties of this State to levy, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and annually thereafter, a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill on each dollar, to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the taxable property of each township and city for their respective counties, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Such sums when collected shall be paid to the county treasurer of each of the counties of this State, to be paid out by him upon the orders of the commission hereinafter provided, duly signed by the chairman and secretary thereof: Provided, however, That in case any part of such fund shall not be necessary for the purpose for which it was raised the same shall remain in the treasury of such county as the soldiers' relief fund, and shall be considered in raising future sums therefor.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the judge of the court of probate in each county, in the year eighteen hundred and

ninety-six, to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines, to be known as the soldiers' relief commission of the county, with the powers and duties in this act provided. One of such persons shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and at the expiration of the term for which each of such persons is appointed, his successor shall be appointed for the term of three years thereafter. The persons so appointed, shall organize by the selection of one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, and in the event of the death, resignation, change of residence or other disability creating a vacancy, the judge of probate shall fill such vacancy by an appointment for the unexpired term. They shall each file the constitutional oath of office with the court and receive the proper certificate of their appointment. They shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for their services, to be fixed and paid by the boards of supervisors of their respective counties.

Sec. 3. The supervisors of each township and ward in each of the counties of this State, and where there are no ward supervisors, then the aldermen of the several wards of any incorporated city in this State, shall on or before the first day in May of each year make and place in the hands of the soldiers' relief commission, a list of all the persons entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, and the soldiers' relief commission, on the second Monday of May in each year, shall proceed to determine the amount necessary for aid and relief to be granted such persons under this act, which shall be then and there fixed and recorded in the books to be kept by the secretary of said soldiers' relief commission. The commission may determine not only the sum to be paid, but the manner of paying the same, and may discontinue payment of such relief in their discretion, and there shall be no appeal from their decisions.

Sec. 4. Whenever any emergency shall arise in case of sickness, accident or death, which in the opinion of any supervisor or alderman needs relief, such supervisor or alderman, where inconvenient to consult any of the commission, shall have power to draw an order on the county treasurer for a sum not to exceed ten dollars, and shall certify his action and the circumstances of the case to such soldiers' relief commission, which shall ratify the same, and such commission may grant such further relief at any time as they may deem necessary: Provided, however, That no

claim for relief shall be allowed which shall create a deficiency in the fund.

Sec. 2. That two new sections shall be added to said act to stand as sections five and six of said act, to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Said soldiers' relief commission shall make to the board of supervisors, at its October session in each year, a full report of its doings, the amount of relief fund on hand, the amount expended during the year preceding and the amount estimated for the year ensuing, and such further information and suggestions as they may consider necessary in the discharge of their duties under this act.

Sec. 6. In cases where moneys have heretofore been raised by any city or township under the provisions of the act hereby amended, the balance of moneys unexpended on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, may, by a vote of the common council or township board, be transferred to and made a part of the general fund of such city or township, as the case may be, and thereafter no such tax shall be levied except as provided in this act.

Approved June 1, 1895.

#### FLAGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

[Act No. 56, Session Laws 1895, p. 153.]

**AN ACT** to provide for the purchase and display of United States flags in connection with the public school buildings within this State.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the board of education or the board of school trustees in the several cities, townships, villages and school districts of this State shall purchase a United States flag of a size not less than four feet two inches by eight feet; and made of good flag bunting "A", flag staff, and the necessary appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near the public school building during school hours, and at such other times as to the said board may seem proper; and that the necessary funds to defray the expenses to be incurred herein shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as moneys for public school purposes are assessed and collected by law.

Approved April 14, 1895.



## STATUE OF GOVERNOR AUSTIN BLAIR.

[Session Laws 1895, p. 600.]

[No. 11.]

JOINT RESOLUTION to provide for placing a statue of Michigan's War Governor, Austin Blair, on the east side of the capitol building on the State House grounds, in the city of Lansing, Michigan.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of securing and causing to be erected on the grounds belonging to the State of Michigan, adjacent to and on the east side of the capitol building, in the city of Lansing, a statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair.

And further resolved, That there shall be appointed by the Governor three commissioners, of whom two at least shall have been soldiers of the Union army of eighteen hundred sixty-one, eighteen sixty-five, whose duty it shall be to procure such statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair, and cause the same to be placed upon the grounds adjacent to the capitol building, and on the east side of said building, in the city of Lansing. The commissioners so appointed shall serve without charge for their services, or cost to the State: Provided, That such necessary expenses as may be incurred by the commission for postage, stationery, travel and expenses essential thereto, while carrying out the object of this resolution, shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the Auditor General for vouchers of the commission, or any member thereof, sworn to before some officer competent to take such acknowledgement, when audited by the Board of State Auditors. Provided, That the said ten thousand dollars shall be added to and incorporated in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six by the Auditor General, and shall be assessed, levied and collected and credited to the general fund to reimburse it for the sum hereby appropriated, but said ten thousand dollars shall not be drawn from the treasury before April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

This joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1895.

## RECOMPILATION OF SOLDIERS' RECORDS.

[Act No. 30, Session Laws 1895, p. 117.]

AN ACT to provide for the continuance of the recompilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history, and final disposition of the soldiers or sailors from this State during the war of the Rebellion, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Adjutant General is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable books and to recompile and copy from papers now on file in his office, or from such other official papers as he may obtain, the military or naval history of each and every soldier or sailor, who enlisted from or was credited to this State during the war of the Rebellion. Such history shall show, as far as may be possible, the name, age, date of enlistment, military or naval history and final disposition of each such soldier or sailor.

Sec. 2. The sum of eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the State treasury to the credit of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes mentioned in this act. The Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer upon the certificate of the Adjutant General not to exceed the sum above mentioned, as the same may be required to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five the sum of four thousand dollars, and a like sum for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, to be assessed, levied and collected as other State taxes are assessed, levied and collected, which sums, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse it for the sum appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 22, 1895.

## LOCATING MICHIGAN REGIMENTS ON BATTLE FIELDS.

[Act No. 55, Session Laws 1893, p. 57.]

AN ACT to provide for a commission to locate and mark the positions and places occupied by the Michigan regiments and batteries who fought upon the battlefields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby empowered to appoint a commission of five persons, all of whom participated in the said battle of Chickamauga or Chattanooga, who shall serve without pay, and whose duty it shall be to cooperate with the national commission in ascertaining, fixing and marking the positions occupied by each regiment, battery and independent organization from this State engaged in such battles and during such engagements, and to further this purpose the commissioners are authorized and empowered to avail themselves of the knowledge and assistance of representatives of such regiments, batteries and other organizations as were engaged in such actions and battles, who shall also serve without pay, except for necessary and actual expenses while engaged in their work.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of meeting and defraying the traveling and other necessary expenses of this commission a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid upon the warrant of the Auditor General, upon the requisition of said commission: Provided, Said commission shall furnish to the Auditor General a detailed statement of their expenses for traveling, clerk hire, assisting in locating, placing and securing the marks and tablets necessary for performing and completing their duties as such commissioners, and for payment of expenses of representatives of the regiments batteries and other organizations as hereinbefore provided upon filing of itemized statement of such actual and necessary expenses. The commission shall also make out and file with the Governor, upon the fulfillment of their duties, an abstract of all expenditures and all acts done or recommendations made by them, with the information gathered from their observation, and pertinent in its relation thereto, as the commission may think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three the sum of two thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 4, 1893.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1895, p. 72.]

AN ACT to make an appropriation for marking by monuments the places occupied by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second Regiments of Infantry; the Second and Fourth Regiments of Cavalry, Batteries A and D, First Michigan Artillery, and the First Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, who participated in the campaigns and battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, within the National Military Park of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, and providing for the erection of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting monuments to mark the places occupied on the battlefields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second Regiments of Michigan Infantry; the Second and Fourth Michigan Cavalry, the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, and Batteries A and D, First Michigan Artillery. Said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park Commission, created by act number fifty-five, public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-three, who shall receive no pay for their services, except for necessary and actual expense and clerk hire, while engaged in their duties.

Sec. 2. The said commission shall at once, after the passage of this act, proceed to carry the same into effect. They shall determine the design and number of monuments to be erected as contemplated in this act with all convenient speed. The actual expenses of said commission shall be paid out of the fund hereby appropriated, and they shall report to the Governor of the State of Michigan immediately upon the fulfillment of their duties in detail, making an

abstract of expenditures with vouchers thereto, with all acts done or made by them, together with information as gathered from their observation and pertinent in its relation thereto, shall be embraced in their report as the [commission] commissioner shall think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred ninety-five, the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum when collected shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section one of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 26, 1895.

#### PERMANENT G. A. R. HEADQUARTERS.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1897.]

AN ACT to provide permanent headquarters in the capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used, and to provide for an annual report by the commander.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors shall set apart a suitable furnished room at the capitol in Lansing, to be known as headquarters' room of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. Said room shall be given like care and attention as is given to other office rooms in the capitol. The room shall be under the charge of the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Michigan, and such officer or officers of the Grand Army of the Republic as he or his successors in office may appoint, and said room shall be used for the purpose of storing its supplies and property, arranging and keeping the records and history of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and conducting the general office business of the Department as directed by the Commander. The records shall be accessible under suitable rules and regulations established by the Commander of the Department or his authorized assistant, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and others engaged in collecting historical information.

Sec. 2. The Commander of the Department of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic shall annually

report to the Governor on or before the first day of June of each year, such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as he may deem to be of interest to that organization and the people of the State. Eight hundred copies of this report shall be printed and bound in paper cover. Two hundred copies shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature and State officers, and six hundred copies shall be delivered to the Commander of the Department for distribution among the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 11, 1897.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 85, Session Laws 1899.]

AN ACT to amend act number two hundred five of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment."

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That act number two hundred five of the public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. In every public department, and all public departments in all municipal corporations, and upon the public works of the State of Michigan honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Rebellion and the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war shall be preferred for appointment and employment; age, loss of limb or other physical impairment which does not, in fact, incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them: Provided, however, That the applicant shall have been a resident of the State for at least five years and of the county in which the office or position is located for at least two years, and possesses other requisite qualifications.

Sec. 2. No veteran, or other soldier, sailor or marine, as indicated in the preceding section, holding an office or employment in the public works of any city or town of the State shall be removed or suspended, or shall, without his consent, be transferred from such office or employment, except after a full hearing before the mayor of such city, or before the common council of such town, and at such

hearing the veteran shall have the right to be present and to be represented by council. Such removal, suspension or transfer shall be made only upon a written order of the mayor or of the common council.

Sec. 3. Any violations of the provisions of this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, in any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 25, 1899.

#### PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECORDS OF MICHIGAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

[Session Laws 1903.]

AN ACT to provide for the publication and distribution of a record of Michigan soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion, and to make an appropriation for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred four, therefor, and to provide a tax to meet the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, The Adjutant General shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, prepare for publication an alphabetical regimental history of all soldiers and sailors who enlisted from and were credited to this State during the war of the Rebellion. Such history shall contain the name, residence, date of enlistment, date of muster in, rank, promotion, wounds received, capture and imprisonment by the enemy, date of discharge, muster out or death, and such information as can be obtained from the records of this State, the war, navy and other departments of this Federal government, or other authentic sources, as will correct or complete the records, making as far as practicable a complete and concise military history of each soldier or sailor so serving; prefacing each volume of such records appropriately, with a concise general history of the organization therein named. He shall direct the preparation and compilation of such records for publication in forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, or forty-six volumes, assigning as far as practicable one volume to each of the following organizations and groups of organizations, viz.: One volume to each regimental infantry organization and reorganization, numbered from first to thirtieth regiment; one volume each

to first regiment of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, first regiment Michigan Sharpshooters, and first regiment Michigan colored troops; one volume to the fourteen Michigan Batteries of Light Artillery; one volume to Gen. George A. Custer's Cavalry Brigade, consisting of the first, fifth, sixth and seventh regiments of Michigan cavalry; one volume to each of the second, third, fourth, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh Michigan cavalry regiments; and one volume to contain all other miscellaneous organizations and detachments enlisted in this State and serving in Michigan or other State organizations; and one volume to contain a general alphabetical index of all names mentioned in the different volumes constituting the entire edition, showing in what organization or volume each name in the index may be found, for the convenient reference of the public in library sets, which index volume is herewith limited to two hundred copies. For this purpose the Adjutant General is authorized to employ such extra clerical assistance and procure such blanks and stationery as may be necessary in the preparation, compilation, comparing and proof reading, necessary to secure historical and typographical accuracy.

Sec. 2. The distribution of said volumes, when published shall be made under the supervision of the Adjutant General, in the same general manner now adopted for the distribution of "Michigan in the War" under section three, act two hundred forty-eight, public acts of eighteen hundred eighty-seven. One regimental volume to the applicant of the organization in which he served as follows: Any person who served in any Michigan regiment, battery, company or detachment during the Civil War, and has been honorably discharged, or any person who served in any regiment, battery or company from any other State, or in the regular army, or in the navy, properly accredited to the State of Michigan, and has been honorably discharged, or if such person be dead, then his widow if living, or if she be dead, then his father if living, if he be dead, then the mother of any such person, or if she be dead, then to his eldest child, if any there be; and any such person who is still in the service, shall be entitled to receive one copy of said work, on application and identification to the Adjutant General, and if the application for such copy be not made in person by depositing with the Adjutant General necessary postage to cover the expense of sending such book. Also complete sets to adjutants general of other states, and to State and United States public libraries upon application, and to such



other libraries in this State as the Governor may approve, and may be purchased by any other persons who may apply at cost of publication.

Sec. 3. So soon as the work of preparation and compilation of the historical records herein provided for shall have progressed sufficiently near completion to enable printers and binders to make accurate estimates of the cost of publication, the Adjutant General shall serve a written notification of that fact on the Board of State Auditors; upon such notification, at the earliest practicable moment, the Board of State Auditors is hereby directed to solicit sealed bids for the publication, printing and binding of forty-five thousand volumes of "A Record of Michigan Soldiers and Sailors in the war of the Rebellion, eighteen hundred sixty-one to eighteen hundred sixty-five," and give public notice of the time and place for receiving such bids and the requirements of the contract in accordance with this act by publishing the same in such paper or papers, and for such a period as will in the judgment of the board bring the subject to the attention of the several prominent publishing houses in this State: Provided, That the cost of such work complete shall not exceed fourteen thousand dollars for the printing, binding and delivery of the entire edition herein provided for; and the standard of excellence in quality of material, style of binding, typography and style of printing shall be equal to that used by the State of Massachusetts in its recent publication of "Massachusetts' Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War," copies of which are now on file in the Adjutant General's office of this State: Provided, further, That the apportionment of the copies of the different regimental volumes of the edition of forty-five thousand volumes herein provided for, shall be in the same relative proportion as the total enrollment of the organizations represented in any single volume, bears to the total enrollment of the entire edition as provided for in this act; for which purpose the Adjutant General shall direct the preparation of, and furnish the Board of State Auditors with a comprehensive table of data, showing the total enrollment of the organization, and the total number of printed pages intended for each volume, and the apportionment of the total number of copies to each of such volumes, for the guidance of bidders for the contract of publishing such work.

Sec. 4. Each bidder shall deposit with the State Treasurer before making his proposal, the sum of five hundred dollars,

to be forfeited to the State in case he shall fail to make the contract in accordance with this act, if the Board of State Auditors shall declare him to be the successful bidder, and shall take a receipt from said treasurer and deposit the same with his proposal. The successful bidder shall make a contract according to the terms of his proposal and the provisions of this act, which shall be made and considered part thereof. Within thirty days after notice that the same is accepted, he shall also file with the State Treasurer a bond in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned upon the faithful performance of such contract within the stipulated time in all particulars, with at least two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Secretary of State. Such bond shall be the joint and several obligation of the persons executing it. If the successful bidder shall fail to complete his contract or shall forfeit the same for any cause, the said board shall relet the contract as soon thereafter as practicable in the manner provided by this section, and said contractor shall also pay to the State all expenses thereof, and said board may also complete any part of said first or subsequent contract not fulfilled at the reletting of the same at the expense of said contractor.

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred four, to carry out the provisions of this act, the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars, by purposes and amounts as follows: For advertising, necessary stationery, blanks, abstracts of necessary information from the departments of the Federal government and other sources of authentic information that may be found necessary during the progress of this work to supplement, correct or complete the record of soldiers and sailors in the Adjutant General's department, three hundred dollars; for clerical services in the Adjutant General's department necessary for transcribing, compiling the individual records, and the preparation and delivery of copy of same to the publishers, six thousand three hundred dollars; for proof reading and revising printed proofs of said work, four hundred dollars; for publishing, binding and delivering the completed volumes of the entire edition to the Adjutant General, fourteen thousand dollars; for suitable paper for the printing of this work, which shall be furnished by the Board of State Auditors for this purpose, one thousand three hundred fifty dollars: Provided, That the Auditor General may audit vouchers for clerical services in the preparation of the copy for this work from time to

time upon the certificate of the Adjutant General, to an amount not exceeding one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars, but no further vouchers for the preparation of the copy for this work shall be audited by the Auditor General until a tabulated statement, prepared and sworn to by the Adjutant General, is filed with the Auditor General, showing that one-fourth of the copy for this work is fully prepared and ready for the publishers, and when an additional one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars of vouchers are audited by the Auditor General, a similar statement under oath from the Adjutant General shall be required before the Auditor General can audit vouchers amounting to more than three thousand one hundred fifty dollars. • A similar statement for the third one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars and the fourth one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars of vouchers shall be required before the Auditor General is permitted to audit the same, the intention being to insure the preparation of the copy for the entire number of regiments when the appropriation is exhausted. A similar check is required of the Auditor General upon the expenditure of the appropriation of four hundred dollars for proof reading: Provided, therefor, That the Auditor General shall not audit vouchers in payment of the publishing in excess of the fourteen thousand dollars appropriated therefor, nor for advertising, stationery, abstracts, information, etc., in excess of the three hundred dollars appropriated therefor, nor for paper in excess of the one thousand three hundred fifty dollars appropriated therefor.

Sec. 6. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year nineteen hundred three, the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars, which, when collected, shall be credited to the general fund to reimburse the same for the money hereby appropriated.

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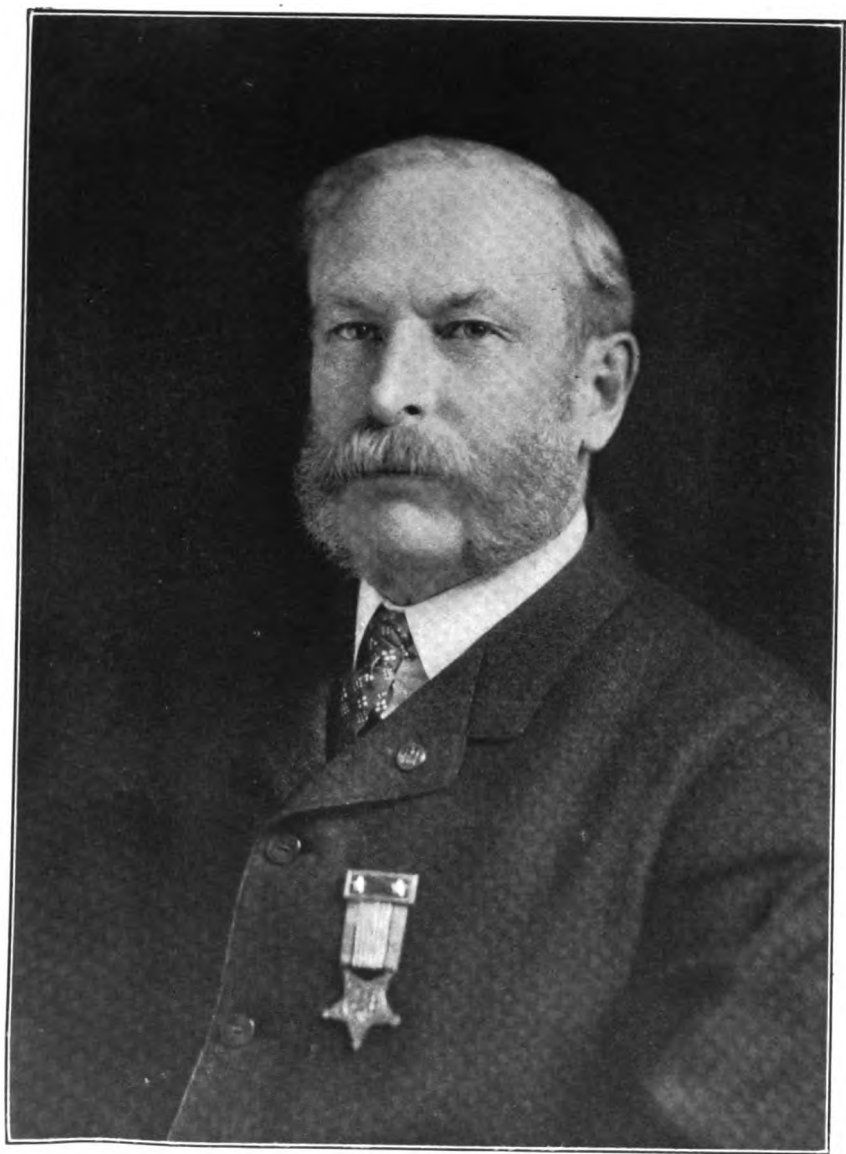
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LANSING, JUNE 21, 1905. }

HON. FRED M. WARNER, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor, in compliance, with law, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 16, 1904 to June 21, 1905, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,  
GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.





## ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT—PRESENT.

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### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Department Commander, George H. Hopkins, - - - Detroit.  
Sen. V. Dept. Commander, John J. Cornwell, - - - Battle Creek.  
Junior Vice Dep't Commander, Dan. J. Willson, - - - Jackson.  
Medical Director, Dr. W. W. Root, - - - - - Mason.  
Department Chaplain, William Putnam, - - - Lansing.

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### OFFICIAL STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, - - - Lansing.  
Assistant Quartermaster General, Jacob Bristol, - - - Detroit.  
\*Judge Advocate, Allen B. Morse, - - - - - Ionia.  
†Department Inspector, R. B. Robbins, - - - - - Adrian.  
Chief Mustering Officer, A. H. Rolph, - - - - - Escanaba.  
Chief of Staff, George W. Stone, - - - - - Lansing.  
\*Senior Aid-de-Camp, John Devlin, - - - - - Detroit.

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### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

William Davey, - - - - - Detroit.  
L. H. Ives, - - - - - Mason.  
\*John R. Bennett, - - - - - Muskegon.  
William G. Gage, - - - - - Saginaw.  
Alfred Milnes, - - - - - Coldwater.

# PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

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*Russell A. Alger,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Detroit, 1868
†William Humphrey,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adrian, 1870
C. V. R. Pond,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lansing, 1878-9
†A. T. McReynolds,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Grand Rapids, 1880
Byron R. Pierce,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Grand Rapids, 1881-2
Oscar A. Janes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Detroit, 1883
*Rush J. Shank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lansing, 1884
†Charles D. Long,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lansing, 1885
*John Northwood,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	New Lathrop, 1886
†L. G. Rutherford,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hart, 1887
Washington Gardner,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Albion, 1888
Michael Brown,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Big Rapids, 1889
*Henry M. Duffield,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Detroit, 1890
†Charles L. Eaton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Paw Paw, 1891
*Henry S. Dean,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ann Arbor, 1892
*James H. Kidd,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ionia, 1893
Louis Kanitz,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Muskegon 1894
S. B. Daboll,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	St. Johns, 1895
William Shakespeare,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Kalamazoo, 1896
*Aaron T. Bliss,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Saginaw, 1897
†Alex. L. Patrick,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Detroit. 1898
Russel R. Pealer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Three Rivers, 1899
*Ethel M. Allen,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Portland, 1900
*James Van Kleeck,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bay City, 1901
Edward C. Anthony,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Negaunee, 1902
D. B. K. Van Raalte,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Holland, 1903

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\*Not present.

†Deceased.

POSTS.

No.	Name.	Commander.	Past Commanders.	Delegates.	Alternates.
1 3 5	Soldiers' Home. White Hall. Grand Rapids.....	O. W. Hodges.....	Rodney O'Mara. G. A. Whitbeck. Wm. D. Post. Jas. R. Stephenson, Jos. O. Bellaire, S. M. Kent, Jos. B. Griswold, A. B. Coffinberry, Wm. E. Bostock, Chas. S. Smith, Robt. Finch.....	Julien Rathman, Edwin M. Raymond, Henry Schnabel..... Luther B. Wolcott.	Henry C. Nichols.
6 7	Hillsdale..... Muskegon.....	.....	Wm. M. Taylor..... Henry S. Bigelow, Louis Kanitz, Chas. Miller, Wm. Reynolds, John G. Allport.....	John W. Brakman, Alex Eckerman, Augustus Flint.	.....
10 13	Dundee..... Harbor Springs.....	.....	David Spears, Geo. W. Hurd, Wm. H. Lee, Fred F. Main, Geo. O. Richardson.....	Charles E. Judd. Geo. W. Price..... A. C. Ransom.	Chas. Erwin.
14 15 16	Benton Harbor..... Ludington..... Evart.....	..... S. E. Kerby.....	Chas. Olson. A. H. Smith, E. J. Cox, J. H. Powell, S. E. Skutt, D. Farington, W. J. Manley, E. C. Cannon, Wm. Davey.....	Geo. B. Johnson. C. J. Pierce, R. McKenstry.....	E. E. Thayer
17 18	Detroit..... Traverse City.....	Daniel C. Crotty..... M. D. Morgan.....	C. H. Johnson, Lorin Roberts, Levi Soule, D. G. Shorter, Wm. H. Eckler, L. W. Lyon, M. W. Sackett..... O. A. Reynolds.....	L. K. Cleveland, C. Irish. Henry Albright.	.....
19 20	Bangor..... Hartford.....	.....	Henry Spaulding, Wm. Bennett, H. L. Stratton, Daniel Pool.....	Adam F. Andrews. B. F. Archer. Wm. Yule.	.....
24 26 28	Fenton..... Hart..... Hemlock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## POSTS.—Continued.

No.	Name.	Commander.	Past Commanders.	Delegates.	Alternates
29	Grand Rapids.....	John Reed.....	Eber Rice.....	Wm. Koch.	
31	Paw Paw.....		H. A. Chapin.....	O. A. Rice.	
32	Battle Creek.....		I. W. Taylor, J. J. Cornwell.....	Stephen Cooper, Wm. R. Wickham.	
35	South Haven.....		H. Hodges.		Thos. Low.
36	Berrien Center.....		J. K. P. McCullough.		
37	Stanton.....	Henry Fiege.	Wm. G. Gage, Wm. W. Morgan, Fay Wyckoff, Jas. T. Hale.....	Franklin C. Crowell.	
38	Saginaw.....		Wm. H. Miller.	Seth Robb-ns.	
39	Berrien Springs.....	W. M. Beekman.	J. D. Butler.....	L. S. Russell, E. S. Humphrey, Wm. Clark.	
40	Charlotte.....	Jas. Slocum.	Geo. W. Stone, A. E. Cowles, W. C. Nesen, A. S. Shattuck, Geo. J. Foster.	Myron C. Tice.	D. B. Gardner.
42	Lausang.....		William Jibb, W. H. Dunn.		
45	Adrian.....	H. H. Goodrich	A. D. Welling, Albert Dunham		
46	Ganges.....		W. A. Clark.		
47	Dowagiac.....		T. M. Sarau.		
48	Jackson.....		E. Morgan, Henry Newton, Geo. Averill.		
52	Pentwater.....				
53	Mason.....				
54	Manton.....				
56	Allegan.....				
60	Leslie.....				
62	Cedar Springs.....				
66	East Jordan.....	J. W. Rogers.	Miles Mulford.	Edward Cox.	
67	Bay City.....		J. H. Koehes, L. C. Madlison.....	Levi Wilson, Wm. White.	
72	Three Rivers.....		Matt J. Borland.	A. J. Rayner.	
79	Kalamazoo.....	Geo. Clark.	Russell R. Pealer.	Silas T. Church.	
82	Nashville.....		C. E. Foote.	Wm. Harrington.	
83	Greenville.....		R. C. Smith.	W. C. Shook, Ell Strong	
84	Kalkaska.....		E. F. Grabill.	N. P. Barlow.	
85	Three Oaks.....		Wilber J. Wilson, Chas H. DePuy, W. H. Bockes.....	Henry Wright.	
86	Mancelona.....		David S. Davis, J. O. Lyon.....	Frederick L. Thaldorf.	
				C. S. Mason	

37	Lowell.....	J. M. Greenfield, J. M. Caldwell,	J. H. Hilliker.
88	Union City.....	W. J. Ottaway.....	S. A. Osborne.
89	Flushing.....		M. E. Greenough.
			Geo. Wood.
91	St. Louis.....	J. R. Brown.....	John Morris.
96	Fiat Rock.....	Wm. D. Lovell.....	
97	Hersey.....	Geo. W. Howe.....	
98	Port Huron.....	Wm. H. Besley, B. F. Smith.	
101	Ithaca.....		
108	Grand Ledge.....	Alfred Milnes, Geo. A. Turner.	Edward Nixon.
109	Coldwater.....	Geo. W. Norton.....	E. E. Lewis.
111	Eaton Rapids.....		Jas. R. Norton, B. K.
			Crandall, D. B. Pierce.
114	Fowlerville.....		Marvin Benjamin.
115	White Pigeon.....	Wm. Close, G. La Due.....	L. E. Pierce.
117	Byron.....	A. J. Stroud.....	C. H. Farnham.
119	Charlevoix.....	John McGivney, Calvin Wilcox.	
120	Howell.....	C. C. Forney, John S. Perry.	
123	Frankfort.....	W. R. Olds, Frank R. Chase.	
126	Beiding.....	W. W. Corbet.....	
128	Hawkins.....	Joseph Perrine.....	
130	Edmore.....		
132	Portland.....	J. Gillo.....	
137	Ann Arbor.....	John Greig, L. Stephens.	
141	Lake View.....	M. A. Kniffin.....	
145	Flint.....	Carl Engel.....	
152	Alma.....	A. J. Phillips, S. W. Thompson.	
156	St Johns.....	David Walkinshaw.....	
162	Detroit.....	H. A. Hannaford, N. W. Herring-	
166	Marshall.....	ton, John Dago, Wm. Bickle,	
		J. W. Dickerman.....	
		E. N. Tracy.....	
		A. V. Austin.....	
168	Maple City.....		John Van Arman.
			M. C. Cate.
170	Petoskey.....		John Williams, M. D.
181	Millford.....		Cole.
182	Fremont.....		R. D. Young.
			S. P. Vanderhoof.
193	Mendon.....		John Bush.
198	Reed City.....	Ransom Russell, D. Donivan.....	
202	Romeo.....	Oznt S. Perry.....	
203	Stockbridge.....	A. G. Miller.....	
206	Bellaire.....	Silas York, Elijah Baker.....	

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No.	Name.	Commander.	Past Commanders.	Delegates.	Alternates.
211	Ionla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
214	Millington.....	.....	E. Howard.	J. G. Conner, Marvin	.....
215	Fulton.....	.....	U. C. Case.	J. Guernsey.	.....
218	Luther.....	.....	N. R. Menold.	.....	.....
227	Eastport.....	Oscar W. Whitney.	Daniel Blakely, John H. McPherson, Jas. R. Child, Daniel Flanagan, C. Chamberlain.	.....	.....
235	Boyer City.....	John Newville.	Wm. Mears.	Wm. Greenman.	W. B. Wilder.
240	Gravling.....	.....	Dell Smith, Wm. Woodburn.	.....	R. P. Forbes.
242	Athens.....	.....	Orland J. Knapp, Jos. W. Clark.	Joel Lee.	.....
252	Howard City.....	.....	A. L. Bryant, J. W. James.	Herman W. Perkins.	.....
255	Mayville.....	.....	D. B. K. Van Rualte.	P. H. McBride.	.....
262	Holland.....	.....	John G. Berry, N. C. G. Ashley.	S. H. La Barge.	.....
263	Vanderbilt.....	.....	E. T. Carrington.	Joseph Wixon.	.....
276	Ada.....	.....	.....	Marshall Peabody.	.....
278	West Bay City.....	.....	.....	John Byers.	.....
280	North Muskegon.....	.....	.....	Delos Hilton.	.....
283	Tusfield.....	.....	.....	D. A. Moore, J. H. Cole.	.....
285	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
286	Fife Lake.....	.....	B. F. Tracy, Wm. E. Clark.	.....	.....
289	Big Rapids.....	.....	A. B. Knapp, M. Brown.	.....	.....
294	Pierport.....	.....	Chas. W. Perry, Josiah Hilliard.	.....	.....
296	Marquette.....	.....	F. C. Anthony.	.....	.....
300	Sagaw.....	.....	E. B. Metcalf.	.....	.....
307	.....	Jos. W. Budd.	W. H. Hall.	.....	.....
316	.....	S. J. Lawrence.	E. K. Starkweather.	Edwin Akin.	.....
318	Northville.....	.....	Geo. H. Buzzell.	.....	E. W. Loomis.
320	Sumner.....	.....	.....	Chas. A. Green.	.....
342	Twin Lake.....	.....	M. D. Richardson, Wm. Bartholomew.	.....	Jos. Wolfinger
348	Scottville.....	.....	L. P. Judson, I. P. Covey, R. J. Reed, Wm. A. Joy, J. C. Blaricom, Wm. H. Herbert.	.....	.....
350	Sand Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
365	Lake City.....	.....	.....	J. W. Van Deman.	.....
372	Benzonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

390	New Haven.....	G. W. Dingman.....	J. E. Carl	Alvin S. Clark, E. B. Fen-
393	Martin.....	.....	W. D. Stayman	ton
394	Detroit.....	.....	E. S. Jameson, Geo. H Hopkins..	J. H. Wood.
396	Farwell.....	.....	C. M. Paisier.	
398	Allendale.....	C. S. Knapp	W. J. C. Davis, J. S. Walling, E	
399	Wexford.....	John J. Carl.....	Bowerman, N. I. Hanna, W. R.	
			Ferguson, John Fall, H. F. Hop-	
			kins, W. Wyckoff, J. M. Wood, D.	
395	Grand Rapids.....	R. H. Lee.....	J. R. D. Delano	M. B. Lammon.
396	Pomona.....	.....	Alonzo Chubb, Byron L. Deen,	Geo. R. Phillips.
398	Brant.....	.....	Geo. W. Hall, D. A. Holmes.	
399	Northport.....	.....	Wm. H. Porter, John H. Thomas,	Peter Van Houten.
			E. F. Rodgers, Ishmael Com-	
			stock.	
408	Grand Rapids.....	E. P. Everetts.....	G. H. Sherman.	
412	Burnip's Corners.....	.....	.....	Nicholas Metzzen.
419	Bay City.....	.....	.....	Wm. Barrett.
433	Detroit.....	.....	.....	A. T. Garretson.
441	Mason.....	.....	.....	Wm. A. Bates.
442	Rose City.....	.....	.....	
451	Reed City.....	.....	L. H. Ives, W. W. Root.	
			John H. Freeland, Isaac Grant,	
			Ren' Barker, Aretus Corwin,	
			Nathaniel Clark, D. J. Zook, W.	
			H. F. Blakely, Josiah Easton, W.	
			H. Easton, A. J. Drake.	
454	Central Lake.....	.....	.....	Thos A. Ball.
461	Cadillac.....	.....	.....	Geo. W. Wheeler.
			.....	D. C. Morrison.





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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

JUNE 20-21, 1905

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The Encampment at Traverse City was practically opened on the evening prior to the official date, a reception having been tendered for that evening, by the good people of the city to Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, and Department Commander George H. Hopkins and his staff, together with the President and officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans, as well as the members and visitors of the Grand Army of the Republic. This reception was enthusiastically enjoyed by the members of the visiting bodies, as well as the citizens by whom it had been tendered, and proved to be but a foretaste of the good things which the large hearted people of Traverse City had planned for the enjoyment of their guests.

During the days which followed, there were excursions on the beautiful Traverse Bay, automobile rides about the city and along the beach, with carriage rides about the city and its environs, all of which evinced an unflagging determination on the part of the people of Traverse City to leave nothing undone which could in any way contribute to the pleasure or comfort of the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, convened in their city for

their annual business gathering, as well as the noble women who had gathered in the interest of those who were soldiers during the period 1861-5, the Woman's Relief Corps. No city of our State has ever opened its doors and hearts for the entertainment and comfort of the members of an encampment with more generous welcome and loyal devotion to the men who in the misty days of war, spared not themselves, if they might but contribute to the perpetuity of the National union.

The Camp-fire held on the evening of Tuesday, June 20th, was an occasion of unusual interest. The address by Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, thrilled the hearts of the great audience with its eloquence, while his words of cheer for his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and love for the flag under and for which they fought, will linger in their memories while life may last, with a fragrance which time cannot dispel. In less than a month the charming voice of our commander-in-chief had been forever stilled to mortal ears, but his words on that memorable occasion will sing along the coming years in the halls of memory, and be reechoed to other minds and hearts, adown the years to come. Short addresses by the Department Commander and other comrades, and songs by the Glee club, held the great concourse enchained until a late hour.

A second Camp-fire was held on Wednesday evening, June 21st, at which Comrade Washington Gardner was the speaker of the evening. The enthusiasm was well nigh unbounded, and the exercises were of especial interest to the comrades of the Grand Army.

The local committee is deserving of high praise for the skill and tact displayed in the preparation of the programs for these two Camp-fires, and with the wonderful success which resulted from their efforts.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
TRAVERSE CITY, JUNE 20, 1905. }

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in its 27th Annual Encampment, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the City Opera House with Department Commander George H. Hopkins in the chair, in open session.

Hon. A. V. Friedrich, Mayor of Traverse City, was escorted into the hall by a committee duly appointed for that purpose, and spoke as follows:

Department Commander; Officers and Delegates of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:—I come before you this morning to give official expression to the feelings of pleasure, gladness, and joy which is in the heart of every citizen of Traverse City on account of your presence within our gates. We were glad when your organization accepted our invitation to meet in our city, as we consider it a great honor to have the pleasure of extending to you our hospitality, and it is with the greatest pleasure that I now extend to you in behalf of the people of this city a most cordial and hearty welcome. We greet you with flags and music, which are but the outward expression of the gratitude and patriotism that fills our hearts. We want you to feel perfectly at home. We want you to feel that you have the freedom of our streets, our parks, and our public places. In other words, we want you to feel that the town is yours.

We think, Department Commander and gentlemen, we have a beautiful city; we are proud of it, and before you return to your homes, we want the pleasure of showing you some of its many beauties. We want you to enjoy our pure and invigorating air; we want you to enjoy our grand scenery; we want you to take a ride on our beautiful Grand Traverse Bay and enjoy its clear and sparkling waters; but I want to caution you, gentlemen, not to drink too much of it; there may be microbes in it. We want you to inspect the great state institution which lies on our

border—an institution built by the State, and which reflects the spirit of benevolence and charity of its citizens towards the unfortunate. We want you to inspect the buildings, business blocks, and manufacturing industries, which reflect the thrift and enterprise and progressiveness of our business men. We want you to see the pleasant homes of our laboring men, our fine schoolhouses, churches, and library, which are visible evidences that our people are interested in those things which go to build up character, manhood, and make good citizens. But most of all, we want you to feel that here are a people who have a warm spot in their hearts for the old soldier, the veteran survivor of those who saved the Union. But for your steadfast devotion in the greatest crisis of our history, all our annals would be meaningless, and this great experiment of popular freedom and free government would have been a dismal failure. Moreover, you left us a united nation, one in fact as well as in name. We are united in our devotion to the flag, which is the symbol of national greatness and unity.

Is it any wonder that the old soldiers love the flag under whose folds you fought, and for which your comrades shed so much blood? You love it for what it is and for what it represents: It embodies the history and purposes of the government itself. It records the achievements of its defenders on land and sea. It heralds the heroism and sacrifices of our Revolutionary fathers, who planted free government on this continent and dedicated it to liberty forever. It attests the sacrifices of our citizens in all the wars of the republic. It has been sanctified by the blood of your comrades. It records the achievements of Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It has been bathed in the tears of a sorrowing people. It has been enshrined in the hearts of liberty loving people not only in this land, but all over the world. Glorious old banner,

“Long may it wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

I again extend to you a most hearty welcome; and when you return to your homes, we hope that this visit here will always bring back the memories and recollections of a pleasant time, and when you go home, may you go in peace. I thank you.

The Department Commander—Mr. Mayor: For your very kind words of welcome and greeting to this, a remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic,—a remnant, I say, but a remnant which is dear to the people of the State of Michigan, as we firmly believe, and which is proven by your words of welcome, we most heartily thank you. We accept them, Sir, in the spirit in which they are tendered, and desire to give expression to our feeling of obligation to you, Sir, and your people, for having invited us to make our pilgrimage here, this year. I believe, Sir, that I am entirely safe in saying that when we fold our tents and march away, you will say, as you say today, you are glad that we came. I thank you.

An Encampment badge was presented to the Mayor, who having retired, the Encampment was opened in due form.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain:

Almighty God, our Father in Heaven: With gratitude and reverence and devotion, we bow our hearts in acknowledgement of Thy greatness, Thy goodness, Thy supporting care and governing power. We give our heart's thanks indeed to Thee this day, that though many of us are far advanced in years, though our ranks are thinning, so many of us have been spared another year to meet and greet each other in this true comrade spirit of loyalty, of charity, and of fraternity. We thank Thee that our Commander and the officers of this Department have all been spared, but one, through the past year. And now we come to ask Thy care and blessing to be upon us while we are gathered at this time in all of the business of this association, and we pray that that unity, that that harmony, that that kindness of spirit, that that true loyalty to our cause which has ever characterized these comrades may especially manifest itself during this session. We thank Thee that Thou hast not only cared for us, but that Thou hast cared for our great nation; and we do thank Thee today that no great troubles, or trials, or conflicts have come upon us during the past year. We pray that Thy blessing may continue with us as a nation, with our chief magistrate, and with all who are in authority, that they may faithfully and in Thy wisdom rule over us. We thank Thee that the noise of battles is being stilled all over the world, and we pray that peace may reign, and that out of the conflicts that have already arisen may grow greater blessings to a great nation, of greater

liberty, greater intelligence, than they have ever known before; that wars and strifes may forever cease, and that liberty and blessing may prevail throughout all the nations of the earth. We pray that Thou wilt guide us while still we march on together. Give us that true spirit of fellowship with each other that will make us faithful in every position that we may occupy, and in all the duties that we are called upon to discharge; faithful to each other, faithful to our cause, faithful to our nation, faithful to our God; and so lead us that when we shall have accomplished all there is for us to do, we may pass into that rest and that reward which remains for thy people above. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Department Commander—I now declare the 27th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, opened in due form. The Adjutant will now call the roll of the Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General having called the roll, a quorum was found to be present.

The Department Commander—The next thing in order will be the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The Assistant Adjutant General—As Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, I wish to report that the committee are now in session and at work on the rolls, but we are unable at this time to complete the work. We ask further time and also move that when the Credentials Committee have finished and reported the complete rolls, that they be accepted as the completed rolls of this Encampment.

Seconded, and carried.

The Department Commander—The rules of the National Encampment will prevail as the rules of this Encampment, unless there be objection. I hear none. It is so ordered.

I will appoint Comrade Kanitz and Comrade Carrington as a committee of two to wait upon the Commander-in-Chief, and to say to him that we are in Encampment assembled, and will be very happy to receive him at any time that suits his convenience.

The Senior Vice Department Commander assumed the chair, and the Department Commander read his address, which was as follows:

### COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—It was a happy thought that prompted the good people of this attractive city to one year ago invite the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, to hold its twenty-seventh annual encampment in their midst. By so doing they gave to us the opportunity to visit and enjoy the generous hospitality of the patriotic people who dwell on the shores of this beautiful bay. As we catch the breezes of the great inland sea that bears the name of our beloved Commonwealth and become invigorated thereby, let us consecrate ourselves anew to the great objects of our association: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and to our duty as citizens. Let us show by our example that the country, which we as soldiers and sailors fought to preserve, is worthy of our best efforts as citizens; that our beloved country is a fitting home for all liberty loving and patriotic citizens who are willing to live, aye, if need be, die for it, but is no home for the vicious and depraved who would follow any other flag than the one under which we fought.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows in detail the gains and losses in membership for the year. The following is a summary of his report:

Membership in good standing, December 31, 1903.....	13,168
Membership in good standing, December 31, 1904.....	12,282
Loss for the year.....	886
Number of Posts December 31, 1903.....	355
Number of Posts December 31, 1904.....	346
Loss in number of Posts.....	9

A loss of .066 per cent in membership, and .025 per cent of Posts.



A comparison of loss in membership for the past ten years may be of interest. It is as follows:

1894.....	.07	per cent
1895.....	.05	per cent
1896.....	.07	per cent
1897.....	.04	per cent
1898.....	.02	per cent
1899.....	.02	per cent
1900.....	.03	per cent
1901.....	.01	per cens
1902.....	.035	per cent
1903.....	.05	per cent

#### NEW POSTS.

For the first time in the history of this Department no new Posts have been added during the year. Two inquiries were made and blanks asked for, for forming new Posts. Blanks were sent, but nothing further was heard from them. It is evident we have reached the limit, or nearly so, of the number of Posts. Our effort now should be to hold the membership we have.

#### SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows that the Posts of this Department are carrying 2,500 members on the suspended list. Some of these have been on the suspended list for years. The motive of the Posts in keeping so large a number on the suspended list is not easily understood.

I recommend that after a reasonable time, say, one or two years after suspension, if not re-instated, the member be dropped. Keeping a comrade's name on the suspended list prevents his becoming a member of another Post, and he is of no benefit to the Post suspending him.

Comrades, we are marching with constantly diminishing ranks. This must be so. Few additions can come to our members. It is a somewhat regrettable fact, however, that there are a vast number of ex-soldiers who have never been members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I cannot but think the loss is theirs.

The Grand Army of the Republic still lives, but when it shall cease to live, it will long endure in the sweet memories of those who follow. It was a high privilege that we were

permitted to live in our day and generation; to be actors in the new birth of freedom. The four years of strife and conflict, all of which we saw and a part of which we were, was our priceless heritage. I speak not of the individual, but of the mighty whole. When the great conflict was ended and the flag triumphantly floating over a nation of free men, that mighty host cast aside the uniform it wore, and quietly, almost silently, melted away into citizenship of the great Republic it had preserved. But its mission was not ended. As soldiers they had done their work; as citizens they were to be tested; and not the least of the victories won by the Grand Army of the Republic was the triumph of the soldier-citizen. The citizen-soldier was the admiration of nations;—the soldier-citizen the triumph of the human race in its great battle for freedom and the rights of humanity.

## FINANCE.

The per capita tax is the source from which we derive nearly all our income.

Received from per capita tax for year ending December 31, 1904.....	\$2,509 80
From sale of supplies.....	254 03
From other sources.....	10 91
Total.....	<u>\$2,774 74</u>

A full summary of receipts and disbursements will be found in the Assistant Quartermaster General's report.

Cash receipts during year ending June 14, 1904.....	3,021 05
Cash receipts year ending June 14, 1905.....	2,977 97
Cash balance on hand June 14, 1904.....	\$1,619 49
Received Interest.....	89 99
Receipts from all other sources during the year.....	2,887 98
Total.....	<u>\$4,597 46</u>
Expenses during the year.....	<u>2,709 23</u>
Leaving cash balance on hand June 19, 1905.....	\$1,888 23
Gain for the year.....	268 74

The executive officers have been careful in the expenditures, keeping the same at the lowest point consistent with the requirements of the Department.

The continued decrease in membership means a like decrease in revenue.

I find that there has not been uniformity in the past in the matter of paying the expenses of members of some of the committees—like the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, the Committee to visit the Soldiers' Home and the Committee on Legislature, while attending meetings of such committees properly called. Has not the time come when this matter should be definitely determined by the Encampment? The necessary work of these committees must be done. The traveling expenses are not large but nevertheless are a growing burden on the Department because of our decreasing income. Are there not Comrades who will be more than willing to serve at their own expense on these committees for the good they can do to their Comrades and the Department?

I respectfully submit this matter for your determination with the recommendation that so far as you may be able you instruct the Council of Administration as to such expenditures.

Let our work in this direction be a labor of love.

#### ALGER FUND.

This fund remains intact and is deposited in the Detroit United Bank, drawing interest at four per cent.

By the action of the last Encampment the interest on this fund is used for the encouragement of patriotic education.

#### LEGISLATION.

In response to resolutions presented to the Department at the 26th Annual Encampment by Mrs. Isabella Gascon, of Fairbanks W. R. C., through Comrade S. J. Lawrence, and unanimously adopted, petitions were sent to all the Posts of the Department for signature, asking the Legislature to provide that, in case any soldiers' widow die destitute, the State shall give her an honorable burial. The Posts responded promptly. A bill for this purpose was introduced by Representative Merritt, passed unanimously in both houses and given immediate effect. Another measure presented by a committee from Post No. 42 was a bill "Authorizing townships, cities and villages to appropriate money to defray the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial Day." This also received favorable action in the Legislature. Both Acts were promptly signed by the Governor and are now laws of the State.

Copies of these laws were sent to the Posts of the Department with general orders No. 9 series. Laws are known as Act No. 91 and Act No. 259 of the Laws of 1905.

In compliance with the wishes of this Department as expressed by a resolution adopted at the last Encampment, I prepared a bill asking for an appropriation for designating by monuments the locations occupied by the Michigan regiments and batteries that participated in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg, within the Vicksburg National Military Park. This bill, introduced in the Senate, passed both houses and approved by the Governor, makes an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose named.

#### SOLDIERS' HOME.

The bill of greatest interest to the comrades of the Department passed by the recent legislature was the one appropriating \$75,000 for a modern hospital building at the Soldiers' Home. Your Commander visited the Home and the Legislature several times while the measure was pending, in the interest of this very greatly needed building. It is feared even now that the new hospital will not be sufficient to meet the requirements. Certainly all the inmates of that home, both those in the dormitories and in the hospital are entitled to proper and sanitary quarters, but the demand for admittance has been so great that many have been placed in the basements, where no man, sick or well, should be quartered.

The committee appointed to visit the Home have presented a report worthy of your careful consideration.

#### INSPECTION.

The Posts of the Department have not responded with promptness, and many Posts not at all, to the call for inspection as ordered. It may be the time has come when the inspectors of Posts should be dispensed with. The Rules and Regulations as amended at the 36th National Encampment, Section 1, Article 5, Chapter 5, read: "The Commander-in-Chief or any Department Commander may require the inspection of any Department or Post in their respective jurisdictions whenever they may believe that the best interests of the Order require it." It being left optional with the Department Commander I ordered an

inspection of the Posts of the Department, as has been our usual custom.

An expression from and a discussion of this matter may be of benefit to the Department.

As the year is about to close we learn with sorrow of the death of Comrade R. B. Robbins, Department Inspector, who died at Adrian, June 15th. Comrade Robbins served the nation bravely as a soldier, and his State faithfully as a citizen. A true soldier; a faithful citizen; an honest man

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

The general observance of the day, both in this and all other Departments, is especially gratifying to our comrades. An interesting feature in the exercises of the day is the interest taken by the teachers in our Public Schools. So long as the teachers and pupils remember the day and join in a fitting observance, so long will it be kept near the hearts of the people. The fact that the youth of our beloved country on this day join with us in making it a memorial day is a full assurance that the day has become one sacred to the whole people.

I desire especially to commend to you the report of the Department Chaplain concerning Memorial Day observance.

#### STEPHENSON MEMORIAL FUND.

At the 38th National Encampment held in Boston in August, last, effort was made to raise the funds necessary to erect a monument to the memory of the founder of our grand order. At the request of the delegates your Commander pledged this Department for Two Hundred Dollars. In General Orders No. 4, Current Series, an appeal was made to the Posts to contribute to this fund and redeem the pledge. Responses coming in slowly, another appeal was made in General Orders No. 6; the result has been that 35 Posts have responded with contributions amounting to \$52.45. The Ladies of the G. A. R. have contributed \$13.50, making a total of \$65.95.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

Much to my regret Comrade T. E. Potter, of Post No. 42, Lansing, owing to ill health, declined a reappointment by the Commander-in-Chief as special aide in charge of

patriotic instruction in the Public Schools. For two years Comrade Potter had devoted much time to the work; his heart was in it. I, however, persuaded Comrade Winfield S. Sly of the same Post to accept the position, who continued the work ably and well, and is deserving of the thanks of this Department for the time and care he has so willingly given to the cause. I beg to refer to his report for full information, and renew the recommendation of Past Department Commander Van Raalte that the work be continued.

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS.

The National Encampment held in the city of Boston in August, last, was one of the best and most enjoyable held since our organization. No more patriotic people live than those of the old Bay State. In no city will a gathering of the old soldiers receive a warmer welcome than in Boston.

The Department of Michigan made a goodly showing in the parade, both in point of numbers and soldierly bearing. The Commanding officers of the Department and all comrades felt under many obligations to Detroit Post No. 384, who were escort for the Department Commander. Their fine appearance in the parade gave to the Department great honor, which was keenly appreciated. No other department was entitled to, or received, greater credit during the entire route of the parade.

The coming National Encampment will be held in the city of Denver the week of September 4th, next. I desire that as many as can will attend. Headquarters for the Department have been secured at The Albany by the courtesy of Comrade E. B. Fenton, of Detroit Post, without expense to the Department, where all visiting comrades will receive a hearty welcome.

#### APPEALS FOR AID.

Post No. 9, Hesperia, asked for permission to circulate an appeal for aid for Comrade H. E. Waterman, who lost his home by fire and was in feeble health. Satisfied that this was a meritorious case, permission was given the Post to ask aid from the Posts of the Department.

(Result of the appeal is not known, as no report has been received from the Post.)

To the officers and members of the Women's Relief Corps and to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the

members of this Department are under many obligations. By their every word and deed they are constantly making the pathway of the old soldier less rugged than for their cheering words it would be. Unlike our organization, they are constantly receiving new recruits, and I bespeak for them many long years of usefulness to the coming generation. Their kindness will not soon be forgotten, and we are glad to have them with us in this our 27th Annual Gathering.

We are glad to know that the Sons of Veterans are in a flourishing and prosperous condition, and that they are joining with us in holding their encampment in this city at the same time.

In the establishment of the "Memorial University" at Mason City, Iowa, in September, 1901, they laid the foundation for an institution which is worthy of the patronage, aid and support of patriotic citizens. To each Department of the G. A. R., W. R. C., and the Ladies of the G. A. R., a scholarship has been assigned, for the benefit of the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of some soldier or sailor of the civil war.

During the year just coming to a close I have made a number of official visits and attended the gatherings of soldiers at various places; among the pleasantest of these were those in which the children and youth took an active and prominent part, as they do on Memorial Day and in celebrating "Flag Day." Among the interesting occasions was the unveiling of the monument erected by the State of Michigan in honor of the brave Kentuckians and others who lost their lives in the defense of this country in the Battle and Massacre of River Raisin on January 22nd and 23rd, 1813. This took place at Monroe, September 1st, 1904.

Greetings were extended by the representatives of the following patriotic Societies: Grand Army of the Republic, Loyal Legion, United Spanish War Veterans, Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Dames, Society of the Daughters of 1812, the Maumee Valley Pioneer Historical Society, and the Michigan Pioneer Society. I think I am entirely within bounds when I say that nearly all of these societies owe their *esprit de corps* to the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic set the pace which these patriotic societies are quite willing to follow.

One year ago, comrades, you honored me much beyond

my deserts in electing me your Department Commander, and in turning over the gavel to my successor, I desire to express to you my most sincere and grateful thanks for the honor you conferred upon me. The Grand Army of the Republic is worthy of the best thought and best effort of every individual member. If we follow the teachings of our organization, we will make of ourselves better citizens.

I beg to extend my sincere thanks to all Department Officers, my official staff and the Council of Administration, for their kindness and zeal in behalf of the organization.

Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff is entitled to the thanks of the Department for the services he has so faithfully and loyally given.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

The Chair—I will appoint the following committee on the Address of the Department Commander: Comrades D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262; O. A. Janes, Post 384; Louis Kanitz, Post 7.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The Commander-in-Chief was announced to be in waiting at the door, and being escorted into the hall, was received in due form.

Comrade Kanitz—Department Commander, we have performed our duties, and now present to you the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Wilmon W. Blackmar.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I have great pleasure in presenting to you your Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Blackmar, of Boston.

The Commander-in-Chief—Commander; my old comrades of this magnificent Department of Michigan: I am not in any way a stranger here, because I was a soldier under that soldier par excellence of Michigan, George A. Custer. I have for him, and surely these comrades of this Department, a very earnest and sincere love and respect. I heard a man away out in the west, somewhere, say, in describing Gen. Custer, that he was a rash and fearless officer, and would dash anywhere, no matter what the consequences, and I asked him what his authority was for that statement. He said one of our great generals of the war under whom Custer served made that statement in Chicago. I said "I don't know who the gentleman was, of course, who made the statement, but I served under Custer, and it was not



true." He was not only a great soldier, but he was a good commander. He would dash in and sacrifice his men, and risk himself. He was careful when care was the right thing, but he won his victories by doing what soldiers were enlisted to do, fighting. A grand soldier, and one of the things, perhaps, that makes me love him best, was that rare discernment for merit which he possessed. He discovered a poor half-starved lieutenant with some claim to merit, and made him a captain upon the field of Five Forks, and I was in the lieutenant's coat. I love him because of that rare discernment.

I know you are busy, and I know enough of what it means to wield a gavel over a Department that is busy. I am not going to take your time this morning. There will be speaking here tonight. When you have got your girls with you, I will try to talk to you again, and perhaps more at length, if there is time. But I do want to say to you this, my comrades. Ever since that splendid delegation that you sent to Boston, who also have a rare discrimination, I have been hard at work in your service. I conceived it to be my duty to see as many of the dear old comrades of the Grand Army as I possibly could, meet them face to face, and take them hand in hand. I have tried to do that from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I have been to all the Department Encampments as far as possible, holding great camp fires; where it was impossible to meet them at their Encampments, going away out through the Southern States, out through Texas and New Mexico, into California, and back through Colorado, Utah, and Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, where on that trip I stopped at the great, splendid Encampment of Illinois, at Rockford, Ill. It seemed like a National Encampment. I tell you, my comrades, you need not be ashamed of the dear old boys, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, all over this country, who have the right to wear the little bronze button. They didn't steal that right, they didn't buy it: They earned it upon the battle fields of the Republic, and it is a precious and splendid privilege to be able to wear it. Rockefeller or Morgan, or any of the multi-millionaires, with all their money, cannot buy the little bronze button. They must have been where we have been.

Comrades, I won't detain you longer. I thank you for your attention, I thank you for your very cordial reception to this beautiful city in this grand old Department.

The Department Commander—Commander-in-Chief,

Every comrade present before he came onto the floor had a badge presented him, without which he could not get in. I now have the pleasure of pinning one upon you.

The Commander-in-Chief—Fellow delegates, be careful and vote for the right man to succeed this Department Commander. No matter who wants it, tender it to your best man. Away down in one of the Southern Departments—I wont name it now—the officer of the day called for the countersign. I happened to know it, and I gave it to him. The committee said “Why don’t you announce the Commander-in-Chief?” He said, “Well, now, I will go in and denounce the Commander-in-Chief.” Be sure that you elect your best men.

The Department Commander—I will appoint the following committees:

On Resolutions—Comrades Wm. Shakespeare, Post 79; E. T. Carrington, Post 276; Alfred Milnes, Post 109.

To Carry Greetings to the Woman’s Relief Corps—Comrades C. E. Foote, Post 79; P. H. McBride, Post 262; S. J. Lawrence, Post 318.

To Carry Greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R.—Comrades Louis Kanitz, Post 7; E. S. Jameson, Post 384; Wm. Mears, Post 235.

To Carry Greetings to the Sons of Veterans—Comrades E. C. Cannon, Post 16; L. H. Ives, Post 441; W. M. Beekman, Post 40.

The report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades S. Mallery, Post 382; L. S. Russell, Post 42; A. L. Bryant, Post 255. The report is as follows:

Traverse City, June 20, 1905.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—The Senior Vice-Commander for the past year takes pleasure in submitting to you the following report. I attended the National Encampment at Boston, left Detroit with the headquarters train. I was suffering at the time with a severe lameness, in consequence of which I was excused from participating in the grand parade. Can say the encampment at Boston was one of the finest I ever attended; everything that could be done was done by the good and patriotic people to make our stay a continuous round of pleasure. Every comrade must have felt benefited by his visit there.

I have visited quite a number of Posts in the past year

and found them generally in good condition; in one or two cases a little careless in taking up the password. Found in every case the most prosperous Posts have live Ladies' Auxiliary. Through the courtesy of the Commander of Detroit Post I had the pleasure of attending the Christmas reception of the Post, and was entertained right royally by the members.

I inspected Colgrove Post at Marshall; found that Post in good condition, enjoying a home of their own. Can say for Farragut Post of Battle Creek that through the efforts of our common council and our kind citizens we have a hall nearly completed, in a central part of our city. I think all the sociability in way of entertainments and visiting Posts by comrades should be encouraged, as simply the routine of business gets very monotonous and generally brings out small attendance.

For the past year we have buried at least one comrade a month. As we realize how fast our comrades are being mustered out it behooves us to close up our ranks and add to our list every honorably discharged soldier in the state if possible, and lend our individual aid to our legislative committee, that we may secure a just service pension.

I am gratified with the interest taken in Memorial Day. The business places of our city were closed and the solemnity of the day was observed.

Our order is to be congratulated on the work it has done in the line of patriotic education. Most of the flowers for Memorial Day were donated by the school children.

I thank all the comrades for the great honor conferred upon me, and to all fellow-officers for the courtesy and kindness at all times shown to me.

I am,  
Very sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,  
JOHN J. CORNWELL,  
Senior Vice Dept. Commander.

The Junior Vice Department Commander presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades J. M. Greenfield, Post 24; A. D. Wil-ling, Post 48; W. K. Pratt, Post 145. The report is as follows:

Jackson, Michigan, June 20, 1905.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Comrade—I have the honor herewith to submit my re-

port as Junior Vice Dept. Commander for the past year.

Although I am unable to say that the duties of the office have been in any way laborious or arduous, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the fraternal greeting which has been accorded me by all the members of the Grand Army.

Of the Grand Army of the Republic it has been truthfully said,—“No child can be born into it—no certificate of nationality secure entrance. The millions of a Vanderbilt cannot purchase admission, no institution of learning can grant a diploma securing admission. The only patent of nobility to which our doors will swing open is the bit of parchment, worn and tattered it may be, certifying to honorable discharge from the army or navy of the United States during the war against rebellion.”

With such indisputable facts in mind I am unable to comprehend why so many of the survivors of our mighty struggle with the foes of our country's perpetuity, should still be without this great companionship, whose ties were welded in the fire of battle and cemented by comradeship. It is, I think, safe to say that in every village are scores, and in the city hundreds of the survivors of the camps and battles of '61 and '65, who have permitted their names to be dropped from their post roll-book or have never applied for admission to this most honorable order. Is there not some way,—cannot some means be devised to bring the comrades back to their allegiance and to an awakened interest in our order and the performance of its mission? It cannot be possible that they have forgotten or no longer care to search out the poor and needy survivors of the Old Guard of the Republic and assist and encourage them in their almost hopeless struggle with poverty and disease.

I cannot believe that they have lost their love for the flag which they followed so faithfully and which, baptized in the fires of thousands of battles,—cleansed and hallowed by the tears of “more than a million of devoted mothers, wives, sisters and orphans, who mourned for their loved ones who never returned,”—without a star effaced,—every stripe untarnished,—free as the air in which it floats, they were among those who surrendered it to the keeping of future generations. Many were with it when it demanded and obtained unconditional surrender of its foes at Fort Donelson, and received a rich baptism of victory in the bright sunlight far above the clouds on the summit of Lookout Mountain. Others stood by it when, firmly

planted at Antietam between Lee's hungry army and the harvest fields and granaries of the north it defiantly said, "Thus far shall you come and no farther." It fluttered over others on our little monitors, when, close up to the walls of Sumpter, they delivered and received the most tremendous fire known in naval warfare, and off the coast of sunny France it shook its bright folds from the gaff of the gallant Kearsarge when her well served guns rid the seas of the curse of piracy. From the terraced heights of capitulated Vicksburg and Port Hudson it bade the Father of Waters "roll unvexed to the sea," and marked the line of battle which like a ribbon of blue was stretched along the crest of Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg, and finally at Appomattox, though the pages of history were destined to chronicle the dark records of Fort Pillow, Libby, Andersonville, Belle Isle and Columbia, still it waved its approval of Grant's merciful admonition to Lee's shattered army, "Thy transgressions though many are forgiven thee—go and sin no more."

Having in mind these few extracts from the records of their glorious deeds I fail to comprehend why so many neglect to seek the companionship of those whose valor and loyalty were powerful factors in the consummation of their task. It is earnestly to be hoped that the coming year will see many of the names now missing from the roll of membership once more restored, and many strangers to our order seeking admission to it, the grandest fraternity the world has ever known.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

DAN. J. WILLSON,  
Jr. Vice Dept. Commander.

The Assistant Quartermaster General presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades J. R. Case, Post 126; C. J. Pierce, Post 17; S. M. Kent, Post 5. The report was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

Col. Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to report the following amounts received and disbursed by the Asst. Quartermaster General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., from June 30, 1904, to June 20, 1905.



**JACOB BRISTOL,**  
**Assistant Quartermaster General.**



## GENERAL FUND.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.....	\$1,619 49
Received from Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G.....	\$2,774 74
Interest on general fund.....	89 99
Transferred from Alger fund.....	91 93
Transferred from special prize essay fund.....	21 31
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	2,977 97
Total amount received.....	\$4,597 46
Total amount disbursed.....	2,709 23
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Balance on hand.....	<u>\$1,888 23</u>

## ALGER FUND.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.....	\$1,021 52
Interest.....	70 39
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Total.....	\$1,091 91
Amount transferred to general fund.....	91 91
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Balance on hand.....	<u>\$1,000 00</u>

## SPECIAL PRIZE ESSAY FUND.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.....	\$21 31
Amount transferred to general fund.....	21 31
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\$1,533.49 of the General fund deposited with the Detroit United Bank, Detroit, Mich.

\$1,000.00 of the Alger fund deposited with the Detroit United Bank, Detroit, Mich.

The amounts of these two funds if left in bank, will draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum from July 1, 1905. An itemized statement of amounts received and disbursed is hereby attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F., C. and S.,  
JACOB BRISTOL,  
Asst. Quartermaster Gen., Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.



JACOB BRISTOL, ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts—General fund.	Amount.
<b>1904.</b>		
June 30	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.	\$1,613 73
July 1	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	257 15
July 6	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	225 80
July 7	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	105 90
July 17	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	291 40
July 17	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.	38 55
July 21	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	237 90
Sept. 17	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	30 00
Sept. 17	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13.	50 54
Oct. 14	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.	5 76
Oct. 14	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride. Interest general fund.	28 00
Dec. 24	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	158 21
Dec. 24	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17.	61 42
<b>1905.</b>		
Jan. 3	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	196 02
Jan. 3	Cash received from The Detroit United Bank, Interest general fund.	31 95
Jan. 11	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	377 20
Jan. 11	Voucher received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., No. 18.	13 34
Jan. 18	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	299 93
Feb. 4	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	202 50
Mar. 9	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	50 00
Mar. 9	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.	31 77
May 9	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., No. 24, 25, 26, 27, Q-1, R-1.	59 67
June 14	Voucher received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., No. 28.	25 00
June 15	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., Nos. 26, 27.	16 45
June 15	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	11 60
June 15	Amount transferred from Alger fund.	91 93
June 15	Amount transferred from Special Prize Essay fund.	21 31
June 19	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen.	29 74
June 19	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., Nos. 29, 30.	4 55
June 19	Interest received from The Detroit United Bank.	30 04
<b>Total.</b>		<b>\$4,597 46</b>
<b>Amount disbursed.</b>		<b>2,709 23</b>
<b>Balance.</b>		<b>\$1,888 23</b>

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## DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1904		
July 2	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from June 16 to 30, voucher A.	\$45 83
July 6	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., supplies, voucher B.	41 75
July 7	Paid Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co., cash book A. Q. M. Gen., voucher C.	53
July 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., office expenses, voucher 1.	8 63
July 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., office expenses and postage, voucher 2.	18 17
July 15	Paid W. G. Gage, expense visiting Soldiers' Home, voucher 3.	6 00
July 15	Paid S. H. Ives, expense visiting Soldiers' Home, voucher 4.	5 75
July 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from July 1 to 15, voucher D.	45 83
July 19	Paid Fidelity & Deposit Co., bond, Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., voucher E.	5 00
July 22	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., per capita tax first term to June 30, 1904, voucher F.	226 92
July 23	Paid Edson, Moore & Co., ribbon for badges, voucher G.	17 10
July 28	Paid J. H. Emery, reporting and writing out proceedings 26th Annual Encampment, voucher H.	50 00
Aug. 1	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from July 16 to 31, voucher I.	45 83
Aug. 9	Paid J. K. Davison, badge Past Dept. Commander D. B. K. Van Raalte, voucher J.	35 00
Aug. 10	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from August 1 to 15, voucher K.	45 84
Aug. 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from August 16 to 31, voucher L.	45 83
Sept. 6	Paid J. K. Davison, badges National Encampment, Boston, voucher M.	66 00
Sept. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from September 1 to 15, voucher N.	45 84
Sept. 16	Paid T. S. McGraw, Comdr. Detroit Post, 384, use of band at Boston, voucher O.	90 00
Sept. 16	Paid Hotel Brunswick, Boston, rooms for headquarters, voucher P.	115 25
Sept. 17	Paid Minnie Wyckoff, cutting ribbons for badges, voucher 5.	2 25
Sept. 17	Paid C. J. Strang, printing ribbons for badges, voucher 6.	3 75
Sept. 17	Paid Michigan State Telephone Co., voucher 7.	3 60
Sept. 17	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., office expenses, voucher 8.	4 20
Sept. 17	Paid S. D. Pierce, decorating headquarters room at Boston, voucher 10.	20 00
Sept. 17	Paid Wm. Putnam, services at Boston, with headquarters, voucher 11.	10 00
Sept. 17	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., expense at Boston, voucher 12.	6 84
Sept. 17	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., office expense, voucher 13.	19 90
Sept. 17	Paid The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., bond A. Q. M. Gen., voucher Q.	12 00
Sept. 20	Paid Jacob Bristol, A. Q. M. Gen., postage, voucher R.	1 00
Sept. 30	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary September 16 to 30, voucher S.	45 83
Oct. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from October 1 to 15, voucher T.	45 84
Oct. 30	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from October 16 to 31, voucher U.	45 83
Nov. 1	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from November 1 to 15, voucher V.	45 84
Nov. 21	Paid Robert Smith Printing Co., printing and stationery, voucher W.	80 31

## DISBURSEMENTS.—Continued.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1904.		
Nov. 30	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from November 16 to 30, voucher X.	\$45 83
Dec. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from December 1 to 15, voucher Z.	45 84
Dec. 28	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., supplies, voucher A-1.	38 75
Dec. 24	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense, voucher 14.	12 05
Dec. 24	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense, voucher 15.	14 11
Dec. 24	Paid Crouly Bros., letter copy book, voucher 16.	2 50
Dec. 24	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., postage, voucher 17.	32 76
Dec. 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from December 15 to 31, voucher B-1.	45 83
Dec. 31	Paid Jacob Bristol A. Q. M. Gen., salary from July 1 to December 31, voucher C-1.	25 00
1905.		
Jan. 11	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., postage and office expense, voucher 18.	13 34
Jan. 16	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from January 1 to 16, voucher D-1.	45 84
Jan. 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary, from January 16 to 31, voucher E-1.	45 83
Feb. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from February 1 to 14, voucher F-1.	45 84
Feb. 28	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from February 14 to 28, voucher G-1.	45 83
Mar. 8	Paid Wm. Davey, hotel bill, Traverse City, voucher H-1.	2 00
Mar. 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense and postage, voucher 19.	12 70
Mar. 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense and postage, voucher 20.	4 48
Mar. 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., attending meeting C. of H., Detroit, voucher 21.	5 09
Mar. 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., hotel bill, Traverse City, voucher 23.	2 00
Mar. 9	Paid H. M. Clark, frame for photographs, voucher 22.	7 50
Mar. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from March 1 to 15, voucher I-1.	45 84
Mar. 16	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., per capita tax, second term, to December 31, voucher J-1.	214 93
Mar. 24	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., supplies, voucher K-1.	40 68
Mar. 29	Robert Smith Printing Co., supplies and printing, voucher L-1.	59 25
Mar. 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from March 16 to 31, voucher M-1.	45 83
April 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from April 1 to 15, voucher N-1.	45 83
May 1	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from April 16 to 30, voucher O-1.	45 83
May 1	Paid Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing, voucher P-1.	59 50
May 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., expense, voucher 24.	4 94
May 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., postage and expense, voucher 25.	21 55
May 9	Paid Crouly Bros., supplies, voucher 26.	1 50
May 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., postage, voucher 27.	14 68
May 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from May 1 to 16, voucher S-1.	45 83
May 20	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., supplies, voucher T-1.	3 00
May 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from May 16 to 31, voucher U-1.	45 83

## DISBURSEMENTS.—Concluded.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1905.		
June 7	Paid Jacob Bristol, Asst. Q. M. Gen., salary from January 1, 1905, to June 30, voucher W-1	\$25 00
June 12	Paid H. A. Clute, expenses, visiting Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, voucher X-1	8 00
June 14	Paid Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing voucher 28	25 00
June 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage, etc., voucher 27	12 45
June 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from June 1 to 16, voucher Y-1	45 83
June 15	Paid W. R. Roberts, lettering mat for photograph, voucher 26	4 00
June 6	Paid J. R. Davison Sons., prize badges, special essay, voucher V-1	34 50
May 9	Paid M. E. Gardner, printing and postage, special prize essay, voucher R-1	7 00
May 12	Paid W. S. Sly, postage special prize essay, voucher Q-1	10 00
June 19	Paid Crouty Bros., record book, voucher 29	75
June 19	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage, voucher 30	3 80
June 19	Paid W. G. Gage, C. of A., railway fare, and hotel, Traverse City, voucher Y-1	8 02
June 19	Paid Henry Spalding, railway fare, Traverse City, voucher B-2	5 56
June 19	Paid Wm. Davey, railway fare and hotel bill, voucher H-2	17 45
June 19	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., railway fare, Traverse City, voucher C-2	5 44
Total.		\$2,709 23

## ALGER FUND.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1904.		
June 30	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride	\$1,021 54
	Interest to July 1, 1905.	70 39
Total.		\$1,091 93
Amount transferred to general fund.		91 93
Balance.		\$1,000 00

## SPECIAL PRIZE ESSAY FUND.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1904		
June 30	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride	\$21 31
	Amount transferred to general fund.....	21 31

## DISBURSEMENTS CONSOLIDATED.

Disbursements.	Amount.
Assistant Adjutant General, salary.....	\$1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster, salary.....	50 00
Expense 38th National Encampment, Boston.....	152 09
Expense band, National Encampment, Boston.....	90 00
Badge for Past Department Commander.....	35 00
Expense visiting Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, 1903-1914.....	11 75
Supplies from Quartermaster General and others.....	135 71
Bonds, Asst. Adj. Gen. and Asst. Quartermaster Gen.....	17 00
Per capita tax.....	441 85
Paid stenographer, 26th Department Encampment.....	50 00
Postage, headquarters.....	151 72
Office expenses, headquarters.....	88 48
Printing, general orders, envelopes, etc.....	215 66
Expense, visiting Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, 1905.....	8 00
Sundry expenses.....	8 00
Special prize essay, printing and postage.....	\$17 00
Special prize essay, badges.....	34 50
	\$51 50
Badges for National Encampment, Boston.....	66 00
Expense, 27th Encampment, Traverse City.....	36 47
Total.....	\$2,709 23

The Assistant Adjutant General presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrader E. C. Anthony, Post 300; Albert Dunham, Post 48; Henry Feige, Post 38. The report was as follows:

## REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 TRAVERSE CITY, JUNE 20, 1905. }

George H. Hopkins, Department Commander:

Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations governing my office I have the honor to submit a detailed report of the transactions of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General during your administration.

## MEMBERSHIP.

	Posts.	Members.
Number in good standing December 31, 1903.....	355	13,168
Term ending June 30, 1904.....	Posts.	Members.
Gained by muster.....	160	
Gained by transferred.....	124	
Gained by reinstatement.....	64	
Gained by reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	2	22
Total gain.....	2	370
Aggregate.....	357	13,538
	Posts.	Members.
Loss by death.....	253	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	17	
Loss by transfer.....	82	
Loss by suspension.....	221	
Loss by surrender of Charter.....	2	20
Total loss.....	2	593
Number remaining in good standing end of first term..	355	12,945
Term ending December 31, 1904.....	Posts	Members.
Gained by muster.....	126	
Gained by transfer.....	72	
Gained by reinstatement.....	133	
Total gain.....	....	331
Aggregate.....	355	13,276
	Posts.	Members.
Loss by death.....	234	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	26	
Loss by transfer.....	80	
Loss by suspension.....	524	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	8	125
Loss by surrender of Charter.....	1	5
Total loss.....	9	994
Number remaining in good standing, end of second term.....	346	12,282

# TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## RECAPITULATION—GAINS AND LOSSES.

	Posts.	Members.
Number in good standing, December 31, 1903.....	355	13,168
Gained by muster.....	250	
Gained by transfer.....	136	
Gained by reinstatement.....	293	
Gained by delinquent reports.....	2	22
Total gain for year.....	2	701
Aggregate.....	357	13,869
Loss by death.....	487	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	43	
Loss by transfer.....	162	
Loss by suspension.....	745	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	8	125
Loss by surrender of Charter.....	3	25
Total loss for year.....	11	1,587
Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1904.....	346	12,282
Number remaining on suspended list.....		2,500

This report shows a net loss of 9 Posts and 886 members for the year.

During the year the following Posts have been reinstated; Post No. 264 with 12 members and Post No. 305 with 10 members.

Posts 212, 226, 457, with a total membership of 25 have surrendered their charters, and the following Posts have been reported as delinquent:

Post 124.....	8 members.
Post 186.....	18 members.
Post 195.....	19 members.
Post 267.....	19 members.
Post 362.....	14 members.
Post 381.....	16 members.
Post 396.....	15 members.
Post 429.....	16 members.

For the first time in the history of this Department no new Posts have been organized during the year; it seems that the time for organizing new Posts has passed, what this means to the Department I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

The high water mark for membership was reached in 1889, when a membership of 21,418 was reported.. A steady decline in membership has followed, as the following comparative table shows:



**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Assistant Adjutant General.





Years.	Posts.	Membership.
1889.....	.....	21,418
1894.....	384 .....	19,020
1899.....	386 .....	15,531
1905.....	346 .....	12,282

Showing a loss of nearly 43 per cent since 1889.

From natural causes the losses will be greater in the future, that we are approaching the end cannot be denied; and for this reason we should put forth a more earnest effort to hold and keep the membership we have.

Since making the report for the term ending December 31, 1904, Posts Nos. 124, 195, and 396 have been reinstated, with a membership of 39.

There were 54 Posts making a gain of membership during the year and 170 Posts show losses. The Post making the greatest gain was Post No. 252 of Howard City.

The following Posts have surrendered their charters, No. 212 and No. 457.

Posts Nos. 192, 244, 257, 299, 306, 315, 334, and 339 have been delinquent for three terms and the Council of Administration have declared their charters forfeited.

Special effort has been made to regain the delinquent Posts but the response to appeals have not been as fruitful as hoped for.

There have been ten General Orders and two Circular Letters issued and distributed to Posts and Department officers, together with General Orders issued from National Headquarters.

#### FINANCES.

The cash coming into my hands for per capita tax and supplies is as follows:

Received for per capita tax, first term.....	\$1,281 60
Received for per capita tax, second term.....	1,228 20
Total for per capita tax.....	<u>\$2,509 80</u>
Received from sale of supplies.....	254 03
Received from other sources.....	10 91
Total.....	<u><u>\$2,774 74</u></u>

All of which has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General Jacob Bristol, in cash and vouchers, for which I have his receipts. There is no disguising the

fact that receipts for per capita tax and supplies, like our membership is gradually decreasing. A comparison is made of receipts and disbursements for the same years, from which a comparison of membership was made.

Years.	Total receipts.	Disbursements.
1889.....	\$7,431 89	\$6,236 30
1894.....	6,331 05	5,958 12
1899.....	3,968 46	3,706 33
1905.....	2,774 74	

An appeal for funds for the Stephenson Memorial Monument was not received with that enthusiasm which in earlier days characterized the actions of the Grand Army of the Republic, thirty-three Posts responding, which, with contributions from the Ladies of the G. A. R., \$55.95 was received; the same has been forwarded to Gen. Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa., who is treasurer of the fund, and whose receipt I hold. For itemized statement of Posts, etc., from whom contributions were received see Exhibit "A."

I also present the following report of the financial condition of the Posts of this Department, as shown by the Post Quartermaster's reports ending December 31, 1904.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 30, 1904.....	\$11,605 82
Received from all sources during term.....	11,342 63
Total.....	<u>\$22,948 45</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Department for per capita tax this term on 12,282 members.....	\$1,228 20
Relief from Post funds.....	295 60
For all other disbursements.....	10,440 02
Transferred to relief fund.....	74 74
Total.....	<u>\$12,038 56</u>
Cash balance in hands of Post Quartermasters.....	<u>\$10,909 89</u>

#### REPORT OF RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand June 30, 1904.....	\$1,562 77
Received from all sources during term.....	214 59
Total.....	<u>\$1,777 36</u>
Expended for relief during term.....	306 69
Balance in relief fund.....	<u>\$1,470 67</u>

## VALUE OF POST PROPERTY.

Cash balance in Post funds.....	\$10,909 89
Cash balance in relief funds.....	1,470 67
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	44,557 95
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	39,306 92
Total value of Post property.....	<u>\$96,245 43</u>

This showing of the financial standing of the Posts of the Department speaks volumes in their behalf.

The reports show that the Posts of the Department are carrying 2,500 members on the suspended list. It has been the policy of this Department for years to advise, that where a comrade could pay his dues and would not that after carrying him for a reasonable length of time on the suspended list, and having been asked to pay up and thereby reinstate himself, continually neglects to do so, should be "dropped." A large number of the Posts of this Department are carrying suspended members from year to year without an apparent effort to relieve them by reinstating or by dropping them. Today there are Posts who have a larger number on their suspended list than is reported in good standing. We know that the poor comrades who cannot pay their dues and would if they could, are always treated generously by the Comrades and their dues remitted. Posts having large suspended lists are urged to assist in relieving the Department from the reputation of having a large suspended roll.

## REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Department will be entitled to one Delegate at large and sixteen Delegates to the Thirty-ninth National Encampment, to be held at Denver, September 4-8. This representation is based on a membership of 12,282, as shown by last December reports.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

These are now coming in for the term ending June 30, 1905, as the Adjutant General has requested that the consolidated reports be forwarded by July 20th. I urge every Post officer present, immediately on his return home, to see that the reports are forwarded promptly; this is necessary to avoid reporting a large list of delinquent Posts, and time is necessary for consolidating the reports. A

large number of Posts in sending in their reports last December, committed the grave mistake of deducting members dropped from the number in good standing, the result being that a large amount of extra work in way of correspondence was necessary to correct the error.

#### SUPPLIES.

There is on hand supplies valued as \$80.30, as shown by the invoice accompanying this report in Exhibit "B."

#### DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

The invoice of Department property shows amount on hand to be \$143.50, as shown in Exhibit "C."

#### CONCLUSION.

Many of the Posts are laboring under the disadvantage of lack of attendance at Post meetings, in many instances barely a quorum being present; and cases have been known where Posts whose members reside at a distance from the place of meeting, have not, during the severe cold of the winter been able to hold a meeting for three months or more. The advancing years and consequent infirmities prevents the comrades from attending Post meetings. The reports show that many Posts have adopted the plan of meeting in the day time, other Posts alternating between day and evening meetings, and these changes have proved very satisfactory.

There have been three meetings of the Council of Administration, the reports of which are herewith attached as a part of this report and will be published in full in the Journal.

In closing this report, permit me, Commander, to express to you a comrades' appreciation of your confidence and good will. Whatever measure of success has been attained it has been made possible by your kindly advice and assistance. I have in my humble way endeavored to do my duty. I hope that my work has been such as to merit your approval and that of my comrades.

The personal and official relations with the officers and comrades of the Department has been of the most pleasant character, and I desire to express to all my appreciation for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me.

To affiliate with and be known as a comrade of the Grand

Army of the Republic is an honor, not to be measured by words; and I assure you that the relations of the past year will ever be pleasantly remembered by me.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
 Asst. Adjt. Gen., G. A. R.

## MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 POST TAVERN, BATTLE CREEK, JUNE 16, 1904. }

Agreeable to call of Department Commander George H. Hopkins, the Council of Administration met in room 234, Post Tavern, immediately after adjournment of the Department Encampment.

Meeting was called to order by the Department Commander.

### Present:

Geo. H. Hopkins, Department Commander.  
 W. W. Root, Medical Director.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
 Wm. Davey, Council of Administration.  
 John R. Bennett, Council of Administration.  
 L. H. Ives, Council of Administration.  
 Wm. G. Gage, Council of Administration.  
 Alfred Milnes, Council of Administration.

The Department Commander announced that he would appoint the Asst. Q. M. General later and that it would be announced in General Orders.

It was moved and supported that the bonds of the Asst. Q. M. Gen. be fixed at \$4,000.00 and the bonds of the Asst. Adjt. General be fixed at \$1,000.00 and that the premiums on said bonds be paid by the Department, which motion was carried.

Moved and supported that the Asst. Adjutant General be permitted to expend for office expenses not to exceed \$50.00 per month, which motion prevailed.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to furnish such of the Department offices as was necessary with printed stationery.

Wm. G. Gage presented bill of expense for visiting Soldier's Home, amounting to \$6.00; on motion bill was allowed and ordered paid.

L. H. Ives presented bill of expense for visiting Soldier's Home, amounting to \$5.75. On motion the bill was allowed and ordered paid.

Moved and supported that not to exceed \$100.00 be allowed toward the expenses of a band for the National Encampment at Boston. Motion prevailed.

Moved that the Asst. Adjt. General be instructed to procure 300 bronze medals for the Department for National Encampment at Boston; which motion carried.

The Department Commander announced the following members of C. of A. to be the members of the Executive Committee, C. of A., viz.: Wm. Davey, W. G. Gage, and Alfred Milnes.

After informal discussion on the good of the order, there being no farther business, the Council of Administration adjourned, subject to call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adjt. General.

Approved:

G. H. HOPKINS,

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FEBRUARY 20, 1905. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander for meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at his office, there was present:

George H. Hopkins, Department Commander.

Jacob Bristol, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

Wm. Davey, member Council of Administration.

There not being a quorum of the Executive Committee present, the auditing of the books and accounts of the Asst. Adjt. Gen. and Q. M. Gen. was postponed.

By direction of the Department Commander, business was proceeded with under a meeting of the Council of Administration, Department Commander Geo. H. Hopkins in the chair.

Asst. Q. M. General Bristol moved that the 27th annual Encampment be held at Traverse City on June 20 and 21.

The first meeting of the Encampment to be called at 10 a. m. standard time, June 20th, which motion prevailed.

It was also moved that the Asst. Adjt. General be instructed to proceed to Traverse City and arrange for the Encampment to be held June 20 and 21; which motion prevailed.

After an informal discussion as to the needs of the Encampment, it was moved that Comrade Wm. Davey, Chairman of the Executive Committee accompany the Asst. Adjt. General to Traverse City, which motion prevailed.

It was also moved that the Asst. Adjt. General be instructed to go to Denver and make arrangements for Department Headquarters during the Thirty-ninth National Encampment to be held September 4-8, next; which motion prevailed.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Approved: **FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Asst. Adjt. General, G. A. R.  
**GEO. H. HOPKINS,**  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
TRAVERSE CITY, MICH. }

Agreeable to call, the Executive Committee met at Park Place Hotel, Department Commander Geo. H. Hopkins in the chair.

**Present:**

G. H. Hopkins, Department Commander.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
Jacob Bristol, Assistant Quartermaster General.  
Wm. Davey, member Executive Committee, C. of A.  
Wm. G. Gage, member Executive Committee, C. of A.

The Committee proceeded to examine the books and accounts of Asst. Adjutant General and the Asst. Q. M. General, and reported that they find the same correct.

There being no further business, on motion, the Committee adjourned.

**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Asst. Adjt. General.



HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
TRAVERSE CITY, JUNE 19, 1905. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met at Park Place Hotel, Department Commander Geo. H. Hopkins in the chair.

Present:

Geo. H. Hopkins, Department Commander.  
J. J. Cornwall, Senior Vice Department Commander.  
Dan J. Willison, Junior Vice Department Commander.  
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
Jacob Bristol, Assistant Quartermaster General.  
Wm. Davey, Council of Administration.  
W. G. Gage, Council of Administration.

Wm. Davey presented and moved that the bill of Comrade H. A. Clute, for expenses visiting Soldier's Home, amounting to \$8.00, be allowed and ordered paid. Motion carried.

Moved that the expenses of Wm. Davey in attending the meeting of the Executive Committee and Council of Administration, amounting to \$17.45, be paid. Carried.

Moved that the bill of the Asst. Adjt. Gen. for R. R. fare in attending this meeting be allowed. Carried.

The bill of Henry Spaulding, member of Credential Committee, for railroad fare amounting to \$5.56, was ordered paid.

There being no further business the Council of Administration adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General, G. A. R.

Approved:  
GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.





ALLEN P. MORSE,  
Judge Advocate.

## EXHIBIT "A."

## Stephenson Memorial Fund.

Received from Post 2.....	\$1 00
Received from Post 7.....	2 00
Received from Post 17.....	5 00
Received from Post 20.....	1 00
Received from Post 23.....	1 00
Received from Post 33.....	1 00
Received from Post 34.....	1 00
Received from Post 38.....	2 00
Received from Post 39.....	1 00
Received from Post 45.....	1 00
Received from Post 78.....	1 00
Received from Post 79.....	1 80
Received from Post 84.....	1 00
Received from Post 86.....	1 00
Received from Post 90.....	1 00
Received from Post 107.....	1 00
Received from Post 109.....	3 00
Received from Post 114.....	1 00
Received from Post 119.....	1 00
Received from Post 126.....	1 00
Received from Post 136.....	50
Received from Post 137.....	1 00
Received from Post 138.....	1 00
Received from Post 156.....	1 00
Received from Post 183.....	1 00
Received from Post 208.....	1 00
Received from Post 238.....	1 00
Received from Post 264.....	65
Received from Post 298.....	50
Received from Post 307.....	1 00
Received from Post 405.....	1 00
Received from Post 410.....	1 00
Received from Post 419.....	2 00
Received from Post 461.....	1 00
Received from the Ladies of the G. A. R.....	9 50
Received from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Circle No. 117, Grand Rapids.....	1 00
Received from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Circle No. 25, Muskegon.....	1 00
Received from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Circle No. 1, Detroit.....	2 00
Total.....	<u>\$55 95</u>

# TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## EXHIBIT "B."

Inventory of Supplies, June 16, 1905.

Quantities.	Articles.	Cost.
3½	Sets (2) Rituals and three Officers Cards @ 50c.....	\$1 75
8	Set (3) Officers Cards @ 10c.....	80
18	Service Books @ 15c.....	2 70
127	Rules and Regulations @ 3c.....	3 81
80	Application @ 40c. per 100.....	32
33	Leaves of Absence @ 1½c.....	50
260	Transfers @ 2½c.....	5 85
149	Discharges @ 2½c.....	3 35
41	Ode Cards @ ½c.....	22
24	Badges @ 35c.....	8 40
81	Rank Bars @ 21c.....	17 01
290	Badge Ribbons @ 3c.....	8 70
74	Buttons @ 6c.....	4 44
5	Blue Books @ 75c.....	3 75
3	Adj't. Orders on Q. M. @ 25c.....	75
6	Q. M. Receipts for Dues @ 25c.....	1 50
0	Minute Books.....	
93	Adjutant's Record and Roll of Officers @ 15c.....	13 95
2	Charters @ 25c.....	50
4	Post Descriptive Books @ 50c.....	2 00
Total.....		\$80 30

## EXHIBIT "C."

Department Property on Hand.

One silk flag (nearly new).....	\$35 00
One Union Jack.....	10 00
One Department banner (silk).....	30 00
One typewriter (old).....	35 00
One letter scale.....	1 50
One Department seal.....	2 00
One numbering machine.....	10 00
One duplicator.....	4 00
One letter press.....	1 00
One copying pad bath.....	1 00
Two frames for Department Commander's photographs.....	14 00
Total.....	\$143 50

The Medical Director made the following report, which was referred to a committee consisting of Comrades J. R. Stephenson, Post 5; Curtis, Post 274; Austin, Post 181;

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
MASON, MICH., JUNE 13, 1905, }

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1904:

Number of reports received from Post surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants.....	208	
Number of deaths during year.....	436	
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service.....	21	
Number who presumably died of disease contracted in the service.....	103	
Number who presumably died from other causes.....	312	
Number of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge.....	70	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		\$625 64
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	34	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		266 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....		455 30
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Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies.....		\$1,346 94
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions.....	11	
Number of ex-soldiers and sailors in alms houses.....	9	
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The following is the name and location of the State and National Soldiers' and Sailors' home for the care of ex-union soldiers and sailors of this Department, including their wives and widows:

Name—"Michigan Soldiers' Home."

Location—Grand Rapids, Michigan.

There is at present no State Institution providing homes for the orphans or children of the same.

Present in quarters—Men.....	722
Present in hospital—Men.....	188
Total men present.....	910
Number absent with leave and absent without leave—Men....	182
Total membership—Men.....	1,092
Present in quarters—Women.....	55
Present in hospital—Women.....	24
Total women present.....	79
Number absent with leave and absent without leave—Women..	20
Total membership—Women.....	99
Total number present.....	989
Total number absent with leave and absent without leave.....	202
Total membership.....	1,191
Number of membership over year 1903.....	96
Number of deaths for year ending December 31, 1904—Men....	93
Number of deaths for year ending December 31, 1904—Women..	10
Total deaths for year 1904.....	103

Average age of inmates, 68 years.

Appropriations by the State Legislature for the support of the Home for the year ending December 31, 1904:

Current expenses.....	\$134,875 00
Special appropriation.....	8,500 00
Total appropriation.....	\$143,375 00

The General Government pays \$100.00 per annum for the support of each soldier or sailor who is a member of a State Home. This is based on the average membership. The average membership present for the year 1904 was 794. So that of the amount appropriated as mentioned above, nearly \$80,000.00 was returned to the State by the United States, and was placed in the General Fund. This left the expense to the State of maintaining the Home less than \$64,000.00 for the year.

These statistics are incomplete as there were 138 Posts that failed to make any returns.

This report shows that there was contributed for the

relief of sick soldiers, sailors and their families the sum of \$1,346.94, the same being over \$400.00 more than the report for the previous year. It also shows that the number of deaths was 436, which was 125 more than for the previous year. These facts are very suggestive. Our numbers are rapidly decreasing, but our lines are fast extending in the country of the great beyond. Only a few more decades at the longest and there will be none of our numbers to respond to roll-call.

I wish hereby to tender my sincere thanks to the comrades of this Department for the honor conferred by electing me for the fifth time as Medical Director. I will always recall my associations with the Department with the most pleasant recollections.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,  
 WILLIAM W. ROOT,  
 Medical Director.

The Department Chaplain presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; G. W. Howe, Post 98; C. Wilcox, Post 120. The report was as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FOR 1904.

Lansing, June, 1905.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I herewith tender you my report as Department Chaplain for the year 1904.

I received for that year Memorial Day reports from 338 Posts, from which I compiled the following statistics:

Number of Sunday memorial services attended by Posts.....	325
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	324
Number of veterans who preached sermons to Posts.....	20
Number of sons of veterans who preached to Posts.....	32
Number of comrades who attended these Sunday services...	9,189
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	324
Number of comrades who participated in these services.....	11,299
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	1,162
Number of graves of comrades decorated.....	23,366
Number of graves without proper headstones.....	2,359



Number of public schools participating.....	724
Number of pupils present at these services.....	39,185
Number of other organizations represented.....	318
Number of Posts that had public addresses delivered.....	291
Number of veterans who delivered addresses.....	63
Number of sons of veterans who delivered addresses.....	36
Number of Posts owning burial plots.....	185

It will be recalled that the weather Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day last year was very impropitious, not only cold and unpleasant, but very rainy in many parts of the State, thus interfering seriously with the public gatherings and exercises. On this account the Memorial reports are much more imperfect than usual, giving us a considerably less satisfactory summary of results. Yet it is with pleasure that I call attention to the fact that though several Posts held no public services that day *not one Post* that sent in a report, failed to decorate the graves of the Comrades within their jurisdiction.

One report says: "There are few of us left, but as long as there is one left, we will have a decoration."

This seems to express the spirit of loyalty on the part of the living towards each other, and the dead, that animates the hearts and lives of our Comrades—an *imperishable* loyalty.

Two Soldiers' Monuments were publicly dedicated last year on Decoration Day; one by Post 6, of Hillsdale, and the other by Post 408, of Grand Rapids.

In this connection, and with reference to future possible Soldiers' Monuments erected in cemeteries, we call attention to the fact that *every Post* can secure a burial plot in their cemetery without expense to themselves, by availing themselves of the Legislative provisions of Act No. 33, Laws of 1887, found published in our annual report on page 142, of 1904.

At present only 185 Posts, little over half, report having such burial plot. This matter is of sufficient interest to be at once attended to before more Posts become extinct, as there is scarcely a cemetery in our Northern States that does not contain the remains of some of our comrades, and many of them large numbers, with more soon to follow; so that the large majority will soon, if not already, be found there. The number of comrades now lying in our cemeteries exceed the number of living ones in the Posts of this Department by over 9,000 at the present time.

There is not a community, indeed scarcely a family, but

has a sad yet patriotic interest, directly or indirectly, in every one of these cemeteries. And it is more than probable that in many of them, our friends and descendants, with loyal and grateful citizens, will feel inspired to erect monuments to our memory after we are gone, where now there are none.

From the increasing number of reports that speak with emphasis, and deepening sorrow, of the open desecration of Memorial Day, we feel it our duty to refer to that subject once more, even if only to enter our protest. From all over the State there comes bitter complaint of this desecration by sports and games, perpetrated by those who do not care for the proprieties of the day, nor our feelings in regard to it.

True, Memorial Day is a State legal *holiday*. But not such for thoughtless and silly amusements; only for solemn and sacred purposes, in honor to the memory of our country's fallen martyrs, to whom our utmost respect is due, and should be so observed by all, both in spirit and form, as designed by law. And if this thoughtless, if not defiant trespass upon the day increases, it may become a serious question generally, as it is with some now, of the abandonment of the day as a general public parade and display, reducing it to the simple terms of Posts meeting and proceeding in a body, or by committees, to quietly and reverently decorate the graves of comrades, as was probably the original design.

Yet the people at large have such a deep interest in it, and it has now been so much, and so long, a public act, perhaps too much like a celebration instead of solemn memorial, that it would be difficult to confine its purpose to the limits of the Posts if attempted. It really belongs, after all, more to the public than the Post, because of the vast numbers interested in it, who are not, and cannot become members of a Post.

Another suggestion is to choose the Christian Sabbath for both Memorial and Decoration Day. But even then, in most places we would not be exempt, as, most unfortunately for the morals of our people, even that blessed and holy day is not immune from the insane ball-game disease, America's silliest and most brutal craze.

Therefore, if the nuisance cannot be abated, what shall we do? We must not, and cannot abandon this observance while there are enough comrades living to exemplify it. From one Memorial report I learn that one place at

least was free from this evil, through the influence, and outspoken soldierly courage, and combativeness for the right, of one of our comrades who is editor and publisher of a paper there, who with "Clarion" voice fearlessly rebuked the desecration and prevented it.

On reading this, we felt like crying aloud: O, for a few hundred "Ren" Barker's distributed over the State, publishing papers with similar success. May comrades thank him, and God bless him for it. Meantime let us to the best of our opportunity and ability, continue to carry on faithfully our work of *love* to our comrades, and of *loyalty* to our country, and our country's flag.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PUTNAM,

Department Chaplain.

In the absence of the Judge Advocate his report was presented and read by the Assistant Adjutant General, and referred to the following committee: Comrades M. Brown, Post 294; Gage, Post 38; Cowles, Post 42. It was as follows:

Ionia, Michigan, June 17, 1905.

Com. Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. General, Michigan Department, G. A. R., Lansing, Michigan:

Dear Comrade—I desire to make my report to you as Judge Advocate of the Michigan Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. During my term as Judge Advocate of this Department I have only two questions submitted to me. H. C. Palmer, Adjt., A. B. Watson Post 395 submitted a question in relation to a comrade being admitted by transfer card, whether the transfer card should be returned to him or whether it should be kept by the Post to which he was admitted by the transfer card. My opinion was that the transfer card should be received by the post as evidence of the fitness of the comrade to be received therein, and if upon investigation it is fully determined that he is fit and competent to be admitted to the post and he is admitted, the transfer card belongs to him and is his property.

The second question came from Gowen, Michigan. In this case a comrade was elected and installed in office as adjutant who was at the time an officer of the guard, but had not resigned this latter office, and without resigning his position as officer of the guard, he was installed as adjutant. At the time of this election and also at the instal-



**A. H. ROLPH,**  
**Chief Mustering Officer.**



lation, the former adjutant had resigned and the only question was whether it was legal to install this comrade who had not resigned as officer of the guard, in the position of adjutant of the post, which office was then vacant. My opinion was that the proceedings were legal. That his promotion to the office of adjutant would of course vacate his position as officer of the guard.

Yours in F., C. and L.,  
**ALLEN B. MORSE,**  
 Judge Advocate.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades J. B. Rogers, Post 66; A. L. Bryant, Post 265; A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5. The report was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 TRAVERSE CITY, MICH., JUNE 20, 1905. }

To the Commander, Officers and Members of the 27th Annual Encampment:

Comrades—I have the honor to report that during my term of office, no new Posts have been organized, and under existing conditions have not deemed it advisable to urge the formation of additional Posts.

During the year I have visited the several Posts in the Upper Peninsula, also the Posts located at Ithaca, Alma and St. Louis in Gratiot county. In addition have met many comrades throughout the State, and my efforts have been more in the line of creating greater interest in them, and in trying to induce those who are not members of the Order, to affiliate with the Posts now in existence.

From the report of your Asst. Adjt. Gen. it is evident the members of the G. A. R. are being mustered out very rapidly. I trust, however, that none of you will attribute this to the efforts of your mustering officer, for were it left to his discretion, I assure you, every soldier, sailor and marine would be blessed with good health and be permitted to remain on earth as long as he wished to.

Thanking you all for the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office I have the honor to remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,  
**A. H. ROLPH,**  
 Chief Mustering Officer.

The report of the Committee appointed to Visit the Soldier's Home was presented and read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades Griswold, Post 5; Grabill, Post 83; Ren Barker, Post 451. The report was as follows:

George H. Hopkins, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan:

The committee appointed to visit the Soldier's Home, went to Grand Rapids for that purpose on Tuesday, April 25th, arriving at the Home at nine o'clock in the morning, and beg herewith to submit the following as the result of their visit:

Beginning with the Home building, we made a thorough inspection of it and take pleasure in reporting that its physical condition was all that could be desired, cleanliness and order prevailed everywhere and no unfavorable comment or criticism could be made in that regard. It is well equipped for fire protection, having on each floor two lines of hose of sufficient length to reach to the most remote points of the interior of the building, and in addition to this every room contained a metallic pail which is kept constantly filled with water ready for use in event of an incipient fire. Our only suggestion in this regard for further security would be that the number of night watchmen be increased so as to provide one for each floor. We were fortunate in being there at the time when preparations were being made for the noonday meal, which ordinarily is the most inopportune time to receive visitors in the culinary department, and we were pleased to note its scrupulous neatness and order. The most fastidious housekeeper might well envy such orderliness in her own kitchen. This much we have said and could add more in detail in commendation of the management were it necessary. Before leaving this building however, our duty compels us to record the unfavorable impressions made upon us by some existing conditions such as the insufficient accommodations for sleeping quarters. All available space is now occupied and more space is needed in order to provide for the present members. Even to resorting to placing cots in the corridors does not meet the needs of today. In our inspection of the basement, we found that a considerable amount of space is occupied by a machine shop and a blacksmith shop. While not desiring to enter at length upon the many arguments in favor of the removal of these shops to a building devoted especially to their uses and purposes it was apparent to us that

this space might to greater advantage be utilized for additional sleeping quarters for the members. Such an acquisition would provide space for from fifty to sixty additional cots. Your committee deplores the fact that necessity compels the use of the basement for sleeping quarters, particularly so on account of insufficient light and ventilation, there being several of the rooms which are lighted only by a window which opens under a wire veranda thereby prohibiting sunlight entering them; but there is no other way at present to accommodate its members but by its use.

The next building visited was the dormitory, where we found the same neat condition prevailed, though here again the building was taxed to its utmost capacity.

Following this we went to the Women's building, and as in the other buildings, found the same condition of scrupulous cleanliness. We regretted to note that, as we learned later, owing to the inadequate accommodations in the hospital building it has been found necessary to devote the entire upper floor of this building to the use of a hospital for women. This not only detracts from the availability of the building for living purposes for which it was intended, but it also necessitates the carrying on the hospital work under separate roofs at a great disadvantage. So large a portion of this building being used for hospital purposes, it has been, and is now, necessary to refuse the admission of about forty women who are the wives, widows and mothers of soldiers who are on the waiting list and who are entitled to the privileges of the Home.

Next we visited the hospital. Here, more than in any of the buildings we found the congested state more apparent, and were impressed with the urgent necessity of some action looking to the alleviation of the over-crowded condition. The hospital is taxed to its utmost, there being at the present time, one hundred and seventy-two patients, and the conditions are so congested it has become necessary to find accommodations for fifty of this number in the basement of the building. It seems hardly necessary to advance the statement that with the increasing years of the members of the Home, the demand for hospital treatment will steadily grow and that some action looking to an adequate accommodation to meet the demand should be immediately arranged for. This action should take the form of an appropriation sufficient to make possible the erection of a new and thoroughly equipped hospital building with ample capacity to properly provide for the present



and future needs. The possession of such a building would permit the management to convert the present hospital building into a dormitory and the relief thus afforded to the other buildings would be immediately felt and manifested in the increased efficiency of the entire Home. Especially so by the transferring of those now occupying the basement of the various buildings to it.

Continuing, we inspected the stable and found everything in good condition, being well lighted and ventilated and giving evidence of same attention and good order as found everywhere throughout the Home. In the basement, however, we found it had been partitioned off and one part used for a carpenter shop and another part for a paint shop. It seemed to your committee that it was unwise to have such inflammable material in a building of this character and would recommend that a building be erected of sufficient size to provide accommodation of the machine shop, blacksmith shop, paint shop and carpenter shop, therefore reducing the risk of fire from both the Home building and the stable.

Our inspection of the grounds convinced us that they received their due share of thought and care, and though the season was not far advanced, we were able to form a gratifying impression of what their appearance would be later in the season.

In conclusion we wish to express our hearty appreciation of the courtesy extended to us by the Commandant, Col. Turner and his estimable wife, also his staff who offered us every facility for a free and thorough inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. BALDWIN,  
JNO. W. McCRATH,  
HENRY A. CLUTE,

Committee.

Grand Rapids, April 26, 1905.

The Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Instruction and Military Education was absent, and his report was read by the Chaplain, and referred to the following committee: Comrades S. B. Daboll, Post 156; L. Roberts Port 18; E. E. Lewis, Post 109. The report follows:

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade—During the month of February last, the proposal came to me from you and Theodore E. Potter, Special Aide, G. A. R., Department of Michigan, for Patriotic Education and Military instruction in Public Schools, to relieve him of the duties of the honorable office, by accepting a nomination and appointment to the same.

While at first it seemed impossible to add more to the many duties claiming my time and strength, I recalled the emotions of my boyhood at the sight of the flag, and resolved, as one of the youngest survivors of the civil war—having entered the ranks in 1864, just after passing my fifteenth birthday—that I would try and keep in touch with the youth of our State, and help keep alive and growing, the spirit of loyal devotion in their minds and hearts for the banner we comrades saved untarnished for them.

The first difficulty encountered in undertaking to do the duties called for by this appointment, was to find out some new and advanced ground of action. We found that Comrade Potter's efficiency had placed Michigan Department well to the front in point of work done and plans and recommendations suggested for Patriotic Education.

First, to reach the largest number without cost to the Department, I procured, at personal expense, from the Rocky Beach Orphanage Association a full page in the Orphan's Voice, a paper published quarterly by the Association, and issued ten thousand copies, mailing them to most of the newspaper editors, county school commissioners, principals of schools, W. R. C., G. A. R., Special Aides in many other states, and to State and National Department officers. Two special items marked the matter published.

1. Twenty dollars were personally pledged as special aide for the best regimental flag story or full history written by a comrade who carried or followed it. The results thus far have been disappointing. So few comrades have clear recollections of events directly connected with their regimental colors. It is a pathetic proof of failing faculties. With us will pass away the knowledge of incidents that made regimental flags sacred to us. Could that knowledge have been preserved, for our sons and daughters, they would prize more highly and keep more sacredly the old flags, and the public archives would have been enriched. The proposition is still in force for the coming year. Is it not worth your special effort even yet?

2. The teachers and pupils were requested to aid in forming the Scholars' Patriotic League.

Motto: "Obedience and kindness in the home and school; personal integrity, humanity, loyalty to our country's flag everywhere."

Application for enrollment: "I desire to be enrolled as a member of the Scholars' Patriotic League. I endorse and will endeavor to practice the principles of its Motto."

The object of this organization is to promote unity of sentiment and action, in laying the foundations of good citizenship in early life. "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined."

The fourth and last special effort, was to keep alive and extend the prize essay contest on patriotic themes, begun by my predecessor.

On the excellent advice and aid of the Assistant Adjutant General, three classifications of school grades were made.

First—Seventh and eighth grades.

Second—Ninth and tenth grades.

Third—Eleventh and twelfth grades.

To the first was given "Ulyses S. Grant," as a theme.

To the second, "Thomas Jefferson and his influence on the American people."

To the third, "What, in your opinion, was the *decisive event* in favor of the Union cause during the civil war; your reasons therefor."

Several hundred essays were written, in many cases school principals and teachers selecting the best to send to the Department. One hundred and seventy were received from the three classifications.

To each classification were awarded three prize medals, 1st, gold; 2nd, silver; 3rd, bronze.

The Department of Public Instruction gave diplomas of honorable mention to the next twenty-six most meritorious essays.

The thanks of the Michigan Department, G. A. R., are due to the teachers and county school commissioners and the newspaper editors who assisted in awakening an interest among the pupils in the contest, and to W. H. French, A. H. Smith, Zella M. Harvey, of the Department of Public Instruction, for services as committee of examination of manuscripts, and award of prizes and diplomas, appointed by the Assistant Adjutant General.

As Special Aide, I desire to express my thanks to Com-

rade Theodore E. Potter and Department Chaplain Wm. Putnam for counsel and assistance in my work.

We do well to inculcate patriotism in our children, lest, like those who squander the hard-earned fortunes inherited from their fathers, they let slip from them the glory, prestige and power of the flag and country we secured for them by so much expenditure of blood and suffering.

WINFIELD S. SLY,

Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Education and Military Instruction, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

Lansing, Mich., June 16, 1905.

Comrade Van Raalte—I would like the privilege of making a motion in which all the comrades are interested; I move you that the hour of half-past nine tomorrow morning be made the special order for the election of Department officers for the ensuing year. Seconded, and carried unanimously.

The Encampment then took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Department Commander—The Encampment will come to order. Owing to the parade it is long past the hour to which we adjourned, the next thing in order is the reception and reference of communications. Has any comrade any communication to present?

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was referred to a committee, none of whom are present. The Chief Mustering Officer makes no recommendation, but simply files his report. Therefore, unless there is some objection, the report will be received and placed on file. The chair hears no objection. It is so ordered.

We will now hear the report of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Davey read the report, which was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and also the vouchers showing the receipts and disbursement of their said offices during the year and find the same to be correct in all respects.

There was on hand in the general fund at the commencement of this administration the sum of .....	\$1,619 49
Received from all sources during the year.....	2,977 97
Total.....	<u>\$4,597 46</u>

There has been disbursed as follows:

Assistant Adjutant General's salary.....	\$1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General's salary.....	50 00
Expenses to Boston Encampment.....	152 09
Per capita tax to National Department.....	445 85
All other expenses, including printing, postage, office supplies and badges and all incidentals.....	961 29
Total.....	<u>\$2,709 23</u>
Total expenditures.....	<u>\$2,709 23</u>
Leaving a balance on hand.....	<u>1,888 23</u>

#### ALGER FUND.

Received from former administration.....	\$1,021 54
Received interest on same.....	70 39
Total in fund.....	<u>\$1,091 93</u>
Transferred to general fund.....	<u>91 93</u>
Balance.....	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
Received from special prize essay fund.....	21 31
Transferred to general fund.....	<u>21 31</u>

Wm. DAVEY,  
A. MILNES,  
Wm. G. GAGE,  
Executive Committee, C. of A.

The Department Commander—This report will be received, and placed on file.

Comrade Pond, Post 2, presented the report of the Committee on Department Chaplain's report, which was as follows:



**WINFIELD SCOTT SLY.**  
Patriotic Instructor, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.



Department Commander—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain, submit the following report:

A careful consideration of the words of the Chaplain as expressed in his report, only the more strongly emphasizes a convincing belief, that the work of the aged and beloved Comrade in his compilation of the various Post reports upon Memorial Day observance has been of a most laborious and painstaking character.

As the report was listened to so attentively by the Encampment, it would be an unnecessary repetition of the language embodied in the same to particularize any one of the various items of his best advice and suggestions.

Your committee therefore recommend a most complete approval of the Chaplain's report, and that the members of this Encampment carry back to their several Posts with interest of intense character, their verbal report of the wise and patriotic truths announced by our Chaplain.

*Resolved*, That to Comrade Putnam, this Encampment express their sincere appreciation of his devotion to the duties of his office and assure him that his work shall prove to the profit of our order, in our efforts to make more and more sacred our Memorial Day, and its hallowed associations.

C. V. R. POND, Post 2.  
G. W. HOWE, Post 98,  
C. WILCOX, Post 120,  
Committee.

Comrade Pond—I move the adoption of the report by a rising vote.

Motion seconded, and the report of the Department Chaplain was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

Comrade Brown, Post 294, presented and read the report of the Committee on the Report of the Judge Advocate, which on motion duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 25, 1905.

Department Commander and Comrades—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same and find it correct in every particular, and respect-



fully recommend that it be placed upon the record as containing the law of this Department upon the questions decided.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. BROWN,  
WM. G. GAGE,  
Committee.

The report of the committee on the Report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was read, and unanimously adopted. The report is as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Senior Department Commander would report as follows:

We have carefully examined the report in its every detail and find it an admirable document in all respects, worthy of the honorable position from which it emanates.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

S. H. MALLOY,  
L. S. RUSSELL,  
A. F. RUPORT,  
Committee.

Comrade Shakespeare, Post 79—I want to offer a resolution which I desire to be considered by the Encampment:

WHEREAS, It is generally known that our beloved Comrade, James Tanner, is a candidate for election to the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the Encampment to be held at Denver in September, next; Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Department of Michigan, in Encampment now assembled, that this Department gives its hearty support to his candidacy, and requests its representatives to use all honorable means for his election.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade Janes—I do not suppose it is necessary for any remarks. I want to say that I heartily endorse this resolution. You all know who Comrade James Tanner is. He has been a hard worker in Grand Army matters from its earliest organization. He has got a heart for the soldier; he is a man of ability, and a man to do credit to the office as Commander-in-Chief. I am advised, as others are advised, that no doubt on the morrow, when the Department

of New York convenes, he will be unanimously endorsed, all other candidates having withdrawn. I think it is fitting that along with other Encampments, Michigan endorse James Tanner.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—It has been my happy privilege for the last 40 years to know Jim Tanner as almost a brother. I lived in the same little village in Schoharie county, New York, in 1866, when he took up his abode in that village and began the study of the law. I have been in close touch with him from that time to the present. It is not necessary for me to tell a comrade who Corporal Tanner is. He is a man who lost both his legs at the Second Battle of Bull Run. There has not been a moment from that time to the present but what he has been in agony. He not only suffered from the amputation of his legs at that time, but he has had three successive amputations. He has been twice Commander of the Department of New York. Within 18 months after the first election he made a pledge to the Department of New York that during his administration he would have a soldiers' home in the State of New York so far under way that it would be a success. He was jeered at in the campaign, because former Commanders had made the same promise, and failed. Within 30 days he organized his forces and soldiers' home meetings were held and arranged for throughout the State of New York. Comrade Tanner spent nearly one year in traveling over the State of New York with other enthusiastic comrades, appealing to the soldiers to contribute to that home. They did so. When his first administration ended he had a roof on the soldiers' home. The state legislature of New York had failed to pass a resolution saying they would support the home. That winter the state legislature did pass such a resolution. Jim Tanner was enthusiastically re-elected the second time. Before he completed his second administration the soldiers' home at Bath was dedicated. You all know that there is no man in the United States who has stood more firmly by the comrades than Jim Tanner; that his strength and his money has been devoted to the interests of the comrades. I was a citizen of the State of New York when he was Commissioner of Pensions. During the few months of his administration many of you know what he did for you. He told me, within two weeks after his appointment, there were 176 certificates for pension issued by his predecessor giving a pension of \$2 a month from the date of their discharge to the date of the allowance of the claim. With this statement pressing on

his mind, he was told by President Harrison, "Mr. Tanner, when you weigh the interests of the soldiers in their wretchedness, do not use an apothecary's scale to weigh." "With that statement ringing in my ears, Charley Foote, shall I sign one of those certificates?" He said, "I would not. So help me God, I never will sign a pension certificate giving a comrade \$2 a month. The claim shall either be rejected or he receive what he deserves." That is Comrade Jim Tanner. I desire to see a unanimous vote in support of this resolution.

Comrade Pond, Post 2—I want to say just a word which brings us as a Department, it seems to me, close to Corporal Tanner. I have known him for many, many years. I remember well a brutal attack that was made upon him when there were but three delegates to the National Encampment from this Department—an attack made upon him by a man which came from the gallery, calling him a coffee cooler, and stating that he lost his limbs while standing at a sutler's tent buying liquor. The man whose signature is on that charter today, Gen. John C. Robinson, told me,—He said, "I never will forget the day Corporal Tanner lost his legs, because I saw him when the shell struck him here, and splintered everything. He was put upon a stretcher which was almost too short for him—a youngster, a mere boy, his legs hanging over and by strings. He shouted 'Boys, don't ever surrender; give them hell! give them hell!'" We want him for Commander-in-Chief.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Comrade Dunham, Post 48, presented and read the report of the committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted. The report of the committee was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

Department Commander—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General would respectfully report that they have examined the report very carefully and find that it is made with great care. This Department is to be congratulated on the prompt and thorough manner in which the business of the Adjutant General's office has been conducted. We heartily concur in his recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. C. ANTHONY,  
ALBERT DUNHAM,  
HENRY FEIGE, Committee.

Comrade Griswold, Post 5—The committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee to Inspect the Soldiers' Home, beg leave to report. I have not written out a report, but will report orally. You will remember that in the report of the committee there are certain complaints made, that there was not sufficient sleeping room, and in regard to the hospital. The committee desire to say to you, as the most of you know, that our legislature that has just adjourned appropriated \$75,000 to build a new hospital. Of course that money will not be available until next year; it will not be spread upon the rolls and collected. And they also regulate the use of the post fund. I suppose you know what the post fund is—a fund that is under the control of the Board of Managers, but under the old law could only be used for certain purposes. The legislature regulates the use of that fund, which now amounts to about \$9,000, for the equipment of the hospital that is to be built; also giving the board authority to use it for other purposes. They will use it for the erection of machine shops, which will be begun immediately, and will be built this fall, which will relieve the condition which was criticized, and will take the blacksmith and other shops out of the basement, and thereby relieve that basement this fall, so that it can be used for dormitories and relieve the congested condition. Your committee finds the report very carefully prepared, and we endorse it everywhere.

Comrade Grabill—I was a member of the Board of Managers for a number of years, and I want to state here that the legislature of the State of Michigan acts well now towards the Home. I was a member of the Board of Managers when Gen. Pierce was superintendent, and when Gov. Luce was Governor. We didn't ask a great deal from the legislature, and we bowed down to them and favored them by calling for small sums. We did what we could with small sums of money. We didn't get it always; but now, on visiting the Home, which I do occasionally, I am pleased to see the improvements that are going on, to see how the State has been making appropriations for the good of the comrades, for their welfare, for their health, for their comfort; and I have been greatly gratified by this appropriation. The appropriation is not all the managers desire, but it is a substantial step in advance, and in other years we may have built the improvements desired yet. There are a great many sick there. The hospital is not large enough for them, and they want to use that building for a

dormitory, and to make a large hospital with all necessary conveniences. They are improving the women's home there, and the building is coming along nicely. Everything is getting along well.

Comrade Van Raalte—As one of the Board of Managers here—if I had seen Comrade Milnes coming, I wouldn't have said a word, but I wish to say this, that the Home has been over-crowded. We have in the neighborhood of 1,100 comrades; that building is built for 650. They had to be housed somewhere, and the result has been they have been put in the basement, and we have fixed up every hole that we possibly could. We have moved out some of the shops that were in the basement. The condition that the comrades were in was deplorable. The Board of Managers considered this matter, and gave it careful consideration. We concluded we could not get relief without a large appropriation—\$100,000 at least. We made a forcible appeal we could not get along with less than \$100,000. We were determined to have relief. It was a shameful condition the boys were in, but it was better than to keep them outside, so we had to take care of them. Finally the committees came up from the legislature, and with them we made a special effort, and then the Loyal Legion came over there, and they were very much disgusted. They said they didn't know the condition was such. Don't let it be understood that the boys were suffering. I think, generally speaking, the boys live better than out of the Home, so far as food and clothing, and things of that sort are concerned. All they are asked is to behave, and I know you will all approve of that, because the Home without discipline is no Home at all. The Board of Managers have faithfully worked in this matter, and they have had two or three visits from different legislative committees. You know it was an economical legislature. They wanted to save money, and not bring the State under great expense. We agreed with them in that, but we believed above all, first, that we should take care of our comrades, and give them fair and good treatment until death comes. When they were up there last they seemed to be very economical. They talked first of \$10,000; some of them thought they would give us that. Then they said \$25,000. I said: "Well, now, gentlemen; if you want to talk that way, don't squander the State's money—don't give us any relief." They said, "You ought to be satisfied with \$25,000." At length they said, "We will give you \$50,000."

We said, "We don't want \$50,000; we want \$100,000, and we know the people of the State of Michigan will support you. Forty years ago you would have been willing to give anything to them; I don't believe the people of Michigan have forgotten what the boys have done for them." The final sentiment was \$75,000. We thought that better than nothing, and we could give some of the comrades relief. With this \$75,000 we will not be able to construct a strictly fireproof hospital, but we will be able to take care of 300 patients. It will be better than any of the buildings on the ground at present, but it will not be strictly fireproof. In doing that, we will be able, as Comrade Grabill said, to give relief to the women's building. The women's building has been crowded to its utmost extent. We have to use it as a hospital, and at the same time, support the main hospital, a separate establishment, because of the different manner of cooking. You must well understand, hospital patients need different cooking for convalescents and the well, and convalescents need different cooking from the well, and to put the convalescents among the well is not right, because they cannot receive the comforts they should have. The object was to erect a hospital both for the sick and the convalescents, so they could be properly cared for. You have the women's and the men's hospital then under the one management, and it will be more economical to the State. We think the comrades have reason to rejoice that the State of Michigan has made an appropriation for this, and I assure you for the Board of Managers that we will do the best we can to take care of the boys.

Comrade Pond—I want to say to the comrades that whereas, the original appropriation looks large for the general purposes of that Soldiers' Home, but that it does not average much to the individual, for the United States government pays back into the Michigan treasury every single year \$100 for every man who is in your Soldiers' Home.

Comrade Van Raalte—I took it for granted that most every comrade knew that, but it is a fact that two-thirds of the people of the State of Michigan don't know today how that institution is supported. They have an idea that the State supports it, whereas, in fact, the State only gives one-third of the support of each and every inmate. As Comrade Pond has said, the government furnishes \$100 for every man, and the result is, you see the institution is run by a certain per capita, and we make an assessment of so

much per capita. To a certain extent, on that is based the appropriation, but the result has been, every year, that the State treasury draws more for subsistence—for instance; at present they have got \$7,000 or \$8,000 in the treasury drawn from the government on account of having more persons in the Home than we report. So understand, if a comrade costs \$100, the State of Michigan gives \$50 to support that comrade.

Comrade Grabill—You will understand, the taxes give some \$100 to the Soldiers' Home. The supposition is that is put on the tax roll. It is, in one sense, but that amount is not paid by the State, because when the appropriation from the United States comes back, that is put in the general fund. The State is credited with that. So when we come down to that assessment, there is so much not put on the tax rolls of the State at all.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Medical Director presented and read its report, which on motion was adopted. The report of the committee was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—Your committee to whom was referred the Medical Director's report, having examined the same, would recommend its adoption.

DR. J. R. STEPHENSON,  
DR. A. CURTISS,  
A. V. AUSTIN,

Committee.

Comrade Cannon—Your committee appointed to visit the Sons of Veterans report that they have performed that duty, and find them a very lively corpse.

Report received.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted:

Geo. H. Hopkins, Commander, Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.:

Your committee who was appointed to examine the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General would respect-

fully report that we have carefully examined his report and find it very concise and correct.

Very respectfully submitted,

C. J. PEIRCE,

S. M. KENT,

Committee.

Comrade Welling, Post 48, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

George H. Hopkins, Department Commander:

Comrade—Your committee have carefully examined the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander, and respectfully beg leave to report that we heartily concur in the sentiments therein expressed, and recommend its adoption.

JAMES M. GRENFIELD, Post 89,

A. D. WELLING, Post 48,

Committee.

Comrade Daboll, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Education and Military Instruction, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Sir—Your committee appointed on report of W. S. Sly, Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Education and Military Instruction, beg leave to submit the following report:

We heartily approve the recommendations made in the report and commend the untiring efforts of Comrade Sly in the very important and trying duties of his position. We believe this work should be continued and that its importance cannot be overestimated.

We especially call attention to the suggestion of having prepared and preserved histories of the flags carried by the various regiments. While the history of the regiment is the history of the flag to a certain extent, many regiments have never had a record or history compiled and there are many incidents personal to the flags that might be of great interest to the coming generations. It is certainly a very valuable part of the "Patriotic Education of the young to



learn personal incidents and brave deeds of the veterans as connected with 'old glory.' "

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

S. B. DABOLL,

L. ROBERTS,

E. E. LEWIS,

Committee.

Comrade Milnes, Post 109—I desire to offer the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, The Department of Michigan has learned with deep regret of the death of Col. Richard B. Robbins, Department Inspector, at his home in Adrian, Mich., June 15, 1906.

Col. Robbins served in the 4th Michigan Cavalry and was badly wounded at Kingston, Ga., in 1864, and suffered from that wound during the rest of his useful life.

He was frequently elected to public office by his fellow citizens and performed every duty with honor and satisfaction to his constituents and with credit to himself.

He was a man of honor and strict integrity with whom all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance delighted to associate.

AND WHEREAS, by the death of Col. Robbins this Department has lost one of its loved and cherished members, a gallant and brave soldier, who in the hour of his country's peril performed his full duty, as he did, indeed, every other duty of life. Therefore,

*Resolved*, that the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., hereby expresses its deep regret at the death of Col. Robbins. He has fought the good fight. His career on earth is ended. He has taken his departure for the Grand Encampment above, where we fondly hope and believe he will be fully rewarded and honored for his many good deeds on earth.

Farewell, Comrade. Farewell, Brother. If we follow your good example, we, too, will soon join you in the Home of the Great Commander.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Journal of Proceedings and a copy be furnished the family of Col. Robbins.

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Comrade Jibb, Post 45—Commander, I have the honor to be a member of Woodbury, Post No. 45, Department of Michigan, of which Col. Robbins was a member. I reside in Adrian, where Col. Robbins has had his home for many

years, and have been well and intimately associated with the colonel. He was a soldier in every respect. No one loved an old soldier more than Col. Robbins. No one, as far as he was able did more for the old soldier than the colonel. We all loved him. As long as he was able, he was a regular attendant upon our meetings. As has been said in the resolutions, he was several times elected to office by the people. Just before his death, he said to his wife, "Leave out the flowers, never mind the flowers; wrap me in the old flag." And it was done at his funeral last Sunday, which I attended. He belonged to other organizations aside from the Grand Army, but he said his choice was the service and ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic at his funeral, and nothing more. It was done as requested. Thus has passed away a comrade who was an honor to us in Adrian as well as to the Department, one of the most respected and beloved of comrades.

The Department Commander—Comrades, your Department Commander had the honor of Col. Robbins' acquaintance for many years, and because I knew that Comrade Robbins had the qualities which have been referred to today, I felt that the Department would be honored by his appointment as Department Inspector. This Department will now pass upon these resolutions, and I will ask the comrades to stand just a moment in tribute to the memory of Col. Robbins.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote, the Department standing in silence.

Comrade Judson, Post 372—There has been expressed in my hearing a request that we have a register of those who are present, by their regiments, as a matter of information for the comrades, who may thus find their comrades; and I think in the future we ought to have it. I know it will take some time and some trouble, we ought to have it. I move that in the future we request there may be a register kept of all those who are at the State Encampment. Our numbers are diminishing, and we are growing old. It is difficult to keep track of all of our comrades. It is a matter of great pleasure to us to look over such a register and thus find comrades of our own regiment.

Comrade Morgan, Post 18—I would say for the benefit of the comrades that we have a place for registering here in the city, and it is open day and night. It is here on Front street, in a vacant store. The sign is out. You can all easily find it. If you have not registered, we earnestly

invite you to go in there and do so, at any time after this meeting is out.

Comrade Whitbeck, Post 7—I was very glad this was opened up. A few weeks ago I received a letter from a comrade 77 years old, Benjamine Frasier, who wished to have assistance in the way of getting a pension. I wrote him that I would be at Traverse City, and asked him if he would be there. I received a letter that he would be here. I was this forenoon where the comrade speaks of, and asked if there had been any such a comrade registered. I was told, "We have the names of those who have been here and asked for quarters." I was there myself, and was taken to a place to stay, on as beautiful a street as there is in this beautiful city; but I haven't heard from Comrade Frasier, and I would like to ask if he is in the city. I would awfully like to see him; I have not seen him since the Encampment met.

A Comrade—I am personally acquainted with Comrade Frasier—know him. He is not here, I am sure. With regard to this register the comrade spoke of, I will say that I registered there yesterday, but my company and regiment is not down. There is nothing there to show what company or regiment a man belongs to. I was asked to go to headquarters, and I did so. The number of the regiment, company and state were not taken down. Other comrades are in the same shape. While we are talking about this, I wish to say one word more.

Comrade Judson, Post 277—Seven years ago we had an Encampment of the Northwestern District, and at that time we had a little experience in the matter of a register. We kept a set of books by which every comrade who was present would step up and register his name, state, regiment, and company. A comrade would come in and want the Second Michigan. He would turn to Michigan, find the regiment, and register. The same with all the other states. That can be done in a moment, and by that means you can find those who are at the Encampment. The motion that I made was that we request the Department in the future to have such a register, and thereby make somebody responsible for making it.

Comrade Garretson, Post 433—The Department of Ohio has made it a practice for years of keeping a register, a book properly ruled and alphabetically arranged. When we meet every comrade puts his name down. That record is preserved, and we know exactly who is there. Every

man gives his name, company, and regiment. I think it can be done as well in Michigan as in Ohio, and the book kept for future reference.

The Department Commander—The comrade will put his motion in writing, so that we may have a record of it.

Comrade Jameson, Post 384—I wish to say to the Encampment that the report of the Andersonville Monument Commission has been printed. In that there is a list of every Michigan man who lies buried in Andersonville. Every man who was a prisoner of war in Andersonville is entitled to a copy of that, and all he has to do to get it is to send to the Secretary of State or the Adjutant General, and a copy will be forwarded to him. I thought I would bring it up, and let the boys tell the other comrades with regard to it, and tell the relatives of those who died or were missing during the war, and possibly they might find their names in this book.

Comrade Davey—Your committee appointed to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. have performed their very pleasant duty, and I want to say that we were very nicely and patriotically received. We had a very delightful meeting with the ladies. I want to say that they felt very much pleased to have a visit from the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander—This is the resolution offered by Comrade Judson: "Moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cause to be kept by the Department at future meetings a register of all the attendants, kept in alphabetical order, showing regiment, company and state of each comrade."

Comrade Van Blaricum, Post 17—I would offer an amendment, that the Department buy a register to be kept in that form, and that it be at every Encampment.

Comrade Pond, Post 2—As I understand the resolution, it covers every person who comes to the Encampment, the place where the meeting is held, whether he be a delegate or not. This will necessarily entail a great deal of work on the officers of this Department, and I think that the expense thereof should have been provided for. If you are going to pass the resolution, also incorporate in it that the expense be paid for that purpose by the Department. The Assistant Adjutant General cannot give his attention to it and attend to the duties of his office. The proper expense of the work should be provided for. It is going to cost you something.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Pond—I move you that the Department Commander be empowered to make the necessary expense to carry out the will of the resolution.

Seconded, and carried.

The regular order of business was suspended to receive a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. The committee was received and escorted to the platform.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I have great pleasure in presenting to you a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, who come here to extend their greetings to the old boys. I will first introduce:

Mrs. Vina E. Redfield—Who then read the annual report as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, W. R. C., TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, G. A. R. OF MICHIGAN.

Geo. H. Hopkins, Dept. Commander of Michigan:

Greetings—In accordance with the long established custom of our order, it affords me great pleasure to furnish you at this time, through the courtesy of the committee, whom I have appointed, a complete statement of the present existing conditions and the result of the work accomplished, during the year now closing, by the army of earnest and loyal members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Although only two new Corps have been organized, yet the stability of our order is of such an established fact that there has been a steady increase of members, and today we can report as large a membership as ever before.

Number of Corps in Department.....	231
Cash expended for relief by Corps.....	\$1,654 95
Estimated relief other than money.....	4,833 32
<b>Total relief by Corps.....</b>	<b>\$6,488 27</b>
Cash expended from Department relief fund.....	\$105 00
Number of soldiers and families assisted.....	1,828
Cash on hand general fund.....	576 90
Cash on hand relief fund.....	48 37

It is impossible to give a complete account of the many little and thoughtful gifts to the poor and needy, of the deeds of charity in the homes of the sick and suffering, of the beautiful flowers that have lessened the gloom of many a sick room, and the thoughtful acts of kindness that have

been performed. These are only recorded by the Great Commander on high.

Extending to the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic the sincere thanks and gratitude of the organization which I represent, I would say in closing, that at any time and under any circumstances when it is in my power to assist you, you may rest assured that a call for help from any one of the forty thousand soldiers of Michigan, will not be heard in vain.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,  
FLORENCE S. BABBITT,  
Department President Woman's Relief Corps.

The Department Commander—Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Mrs. Minot, of New Hampshire National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Minot—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, who wear the little bronze button in the Department of Michigan, it gives me great pleasure to bring to you today the greetings of 150,000 loyal women, who are bound together to assist your organization in caring for the veteran and his dependent ones, who were organized as a national organization 27 years ago. During this time over two and a half millions have been spent in relief, in the name of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. We work in every way we can to assist in caring for the veteran and his dependent ones, in teaching the children to be loyal to the flag, in observing memorial day. As we have done in the past, we promise to do all we can in the future to aid in every way possible your noble organization. Realizing that your time is short this afternoon, I will no longer trespass on your time. I thank you.

The Department Commander—We will have a word from Mrs. Jones, the National Patriotic Instructor.

Mrs. Jones—Commander and veterans of the Department of Michigan—I come from New York State, the Empire State, and I find the women of Michigan love the veterans just as well as we do in New York, for they believe that the soldier who fought for the defense of his country is better than any other man, and the noblest of all. And so today I feel it not only a privilege to greet you, but a great honor.

The Department Commander—I wish to present to you a lady whom I have known better, I think, than any other lady in the State of Michigan—my sister.

Miss Hopkins—Mr. Commander, I did not come to make a speech. I am happy to be present at this time. I will not take your time or tax your patience.

The Department Commander—I know you would like to hear a word from the lady who commands the man who used to command the boys—Mrs. Pond.

Mrs. Pond—I have just a word to say after this introduction, and that is, that I am very glad of this opportunity to come before you in your Encampment. I want to say that I thank our President for the honor she conferred upon me in detailing me to come before you.

The Department Commander—Mrs. McConnelly.

Mrs. McConnelly—I am very glad to be able to look into your faces today, but I am not going to take your valuable time.

Each of the ladies was presented with a Department Badge.

The Department Commander—When you came to this door you were not admitted until you were properly vouched for, and you were vouched for by a couple of old fellows whom I sent down to meet you. The next time you come, if you wear this badge, you will not need any introduction, for they will let you in.

The ladies of the committee then took their departure, and a committee from the Sons of Veterans was announced to be present at the door, asking admission. A committee was appointed to escort them into the hall and to the stage, where they were duly received.

The Department Commander—I have the honor to present to you the Commander and the youngest member of the Sons of Veterans. He is what I call a repeater.

Comrade Kellogg—Comrades of the Grand Army—As stated, I have a right to address you, being a member of Farragut Post of the city of Battle Creek and also a member of the Sons of Veterans. It gives me great pleasure to be with you this afternoon, and to address you in the interest of the Sons of Veterans. When I speak of the cause of the Sons of Veterans, I mean this: The Sons of Veterans, their delegates and their officers, have resolved to return to their homes with a determination to carry forward the work that you want them to do; that they shall forever perpetuate and guard the principles that you have been instrumental in bringing before the American people. We propose that Memorial Day, so far as the Sons of Veterans are concerned, shall be a day observed as it should be,

void of any games or any amusements, but make it to the rising generation something that means more than we think of at present. It is almost impossible to drive out all of the amusements that creep in on that day, yet they can be discouraged, and in time wiped out. We propose to carry forward and assist in every way possible to make your remaining days the most pleasant and beautiful days of your existence. We have started a monument that many Grand Army men know but very little about—a monument that is not built of stone or iron, yet it is built of stone and brick. In place of giving the money to build a national monument, we give the money from the Sons of Veterans to a national university, where the rising generation shall be taught patriotism and all the grand principles that go to make an American citizen. This memorial university does not belong to one state, nor does it belong to individuals, but it belongs to you, to the Woman's Relief Corps, and to all the kindred organizations that may spring up from this Grand Army of the Republic, located at Mason City, Iowa, in the center of the United States. We have with us this afternoon Mr. Tucker, the President of that university, who will explain to you the wonderful work that is going on in the name of the Sons of Veterans. He may ask your co-operation, and we know that you will give it, because it has been given from one end of the nation to the other. We are glad to be with you, and we are going to meet at all reunions wherever you hold your reunions; the Sons of Veterans are going to hold theirs at the same time with you from this on. Any work that you have to do that the Sons of Veterans can do, all you have to do is to command, and they will obey your orders.

I now have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. Tucker, the President of the Memorial University, who will speak to you upon the beautiful work that we have made it possible to bring forth.

Mr. Tucker—Commander; Members of the great Department of Michigan—I realize the fact that you have had many delegations already this afternoon. I am going to try to confine my remarks to telling you something about this monument which has been erected in Iowa. The Sons of Veterans by their action at their National Encampment at Syracuse, arranged to have the monument erected which is being developed at Mason City, Iowa. We have there beautiful grounds and a beautiful building, and this property amounts in value to \$120,000. I want to tell you



what we are doing in this educational work. I have been with the institution for two years. It had been open for one year before I came to it. I came from the University of Minnesota. We have organized the work so that we give them the first two years of college work. We are going to put on the other two years very soon. We are now planning an industrial course and a business course, and an agricultural course. The reason for this industrial work is this; it was my privilege to have had charge of the Agricultural University of Minnesota for several years, where I had under my direction from the farms between 400 and 500 boys and girls. We found the way to treat them was this, to have them come in from the district school for a three-years' course of six months, so arranged that they could go home on the farms during the other six months of each year. We are laboring to get them sufficiently along during the winter that they can go home in the spring and work. We have endeavored to make successful farmers of them, so that they will have a love for the farm with an increased knowledge of what goes to make up the successful farmer. We are endeavoring to make of them by that kind of work in this institution good citizens, with a thorough knowledge of the duties of American citizenship and an intelligent knowledge of American history and the principles of free government. It is not a local institution; it belongs to the nation. We have regents from 12 states, we have an advisory board from different states, one member from each national district, and I hope that this Department may appoint a member. I want to say this, that from the John A. Rawlins Post in Minnesota they appointed a committee, and one of the members of that committee was Judge Torrens, one of the Past Commanders. We have a growing list of friends throughout the nation, and more are becoming interested. We want more to become interested in this memorial university—a memorial that will not pass from your memory, but which will live as long as the nation, and assist in its perpetuity—one that is going to teach patriotism and assist in maintaining the integrity of our land. We have seven scholarships, one to be awarded by your Department, one to be awarded by the Department of the W. R. C., and other scholarships to be awarded in a similar manner. We have an industrial school established, an agricultural school, and in addition to these things we are endeavoring to train our pupils for the high duties of American citizenship.

We are going to have them know something about national history and national life—especially about the great struggle in which you participated. And there are a great many publications, regimental histories, personal experiences, etc., and if you have any of these books, or know of any friends who have them to donate to our library, we would be glad to receive them. We want you to know that we are building a monument to the patriotic men and women of the civil war, that the children of the land may have a correct knowledge and an honest historical view of the institutions of the country. We want your support, your influence and your aid in this great work. I thank you.

I would say that we have with us Mr. Cowden, who is a regent from the Sons of Veterans of Michigan.

Mr. Cowden—I don't know what our President could have against me to bring me up here to make an address. That is entirely out of my line, to make any extended remarks, but I would like to say that the real birth of our National Memorial University happened to be in our own State of Michigan, at the National Encampment at Detroit, where the first committee, which afterwards became five members of the original board of regents, was appointed. This was appointed at the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans in Detroit, in 1900. I should like very much indeed to see our own Michigan fall into line with the other Departments, and take a deep interest in this work. It is one that you can all be proud of, and I am sure, if carried on on the lines upon which it has been started out, will be something that all can look back upon with pride. When the principles for which you fought and the truth of American history is established as it should be, we can all take more pride in our National Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa.

The delegation from the Sons of Veterans then retired, and the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Foote—I have a resolution right in line with that to which we have just listened which I offer at the request of Comrade Kellogg, Commander of the Sons of Veterans who has just left the hall. I ask to have it referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The resolution was referred to the committee without being read.

Comrade Foote—I have to report that your committee appointed to extend greetings to the encampment of the

W. R. C. have performed their duty, and ask to be discharged.

The report was received.

The Encampment took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Department Commander—At the hour at which we took a recess, we were on the order of the report of committees. It will now be in order to hear from any committees who desire to report.

Comrade Pealer—In order to facilitate business, I move that the roll of the districts be called, and we receive the district recommendations for delegates and alternates to the National Encampment.

Seconded and carried.

The following list of delegates and alternates were reported, and on motion, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to, and did, cast the ballot of the Encampment for said comrades, whereupon each of them was declared to have been elected a delegate or alternate delegate to the National Encampment, as follows:

### DELEGATES.

1st District, Alvin S. Clark.....	Post 384
2d District, D. C. Spears.....	Post 10
3d District, Wm. Dawsett.....	Post 32
4th District, Geo. W. Price.....	Post 14
5th District, P. H. McBride.....	Post 262
6th District, L. H. Ives.....	Post 441
7th District, Geo. W. Howe.....	Post 98
8th District, A. L. Bryant.....	Post 252
9th District, H. C. Ransom.....	Post 15
10th District, John G. Berry.....	Post 263
11th District, W. W. Dean.....	Post 18
12th District, Geo. G. Johnson.....	Post 8

### ALTERNATES.

1st District, A. T. Garretson.....	Post 433
2d District, Albert Dunham.....	Post 48
3d District, David C. Oaks.....	Post 79

4th District, Henry Spaulding.....	Post 20
5th District, S. H. Mallery.....	Post 382
6th District, Calvin Wilcox.....	Post 120
7th District, Edgar G. Spaulding.....	Post 98
8th District, Jos. W. Budd.....	Post 307
9th District, G. A. Whitbeck.....	Post 3
10th District, E. C. Carrington.....	Post 441
11th District, John Greig.....	Post 152
12th District, A. H. Rolph.....	Post 175

On motion of Comrade Pealer, the Encampment took up the selection of a place for the next Encampment. There being no applications for the honor, the selection of a place for the meeting of the Encampment in 1906, was left to the Council of Administration.

The Encampment, on motion, proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade Kent, Post 5—I move you that three tellers be appointed.

Seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that nominating speeches be limited to three minutes, and seconding speeches to two minutes.

The order of business being the election of a Department Commander for the ensuing year, Comrade Pealer nominated Comrade William Mears, of Boyne Falls, and his nomination was seconded by 11 comrades from different parts of the State.

Comrade Finch, Post 5, nominated Comrade Joseph B. Griswold, Post 5; supported and seconded by six comrades from as many different posts.

Comrade Bellair, Post 5, nominated Comrade George W. Stone, Post 42; seconded by 13 comrades from as many different posts.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7, nominated Comrade Stephen A. Mallery, Post 382; seconded by two comrades.

Comrade Washington Gardner, Post 210, nominated Comrade Elery C. Cannon, Post 16; seconded by 28 comrades from as many different posts.

The nominations for Department Commander were then closed.

Comrade Mallery, after thanking the comrades for the honor conferred in mentioning his name, withdrew his name as a candidate for Department Commander.

Comrades Cowles, Rogers and Fenton were appointed tellers and ballot taken.

Pending the counting of the ballot for Department Com-

mander, the Department Encampment proceeded with a call for nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Lyle, Post 18, nominated Comrade M. D. Morgan, Post 18, and there being no further nominations, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to, and did, cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Morgan for Senior Vice Department Commander, and he was declared to have been elected to that position.

Comrade Pealer moved that the Encampment do receive nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Spear, Post 10, nominated Comrade S. M. Kent, Post 5; seconded by two comrades. Further nominations were suspended, pending the announcement of the result of the ballot for Department Commander.

The result of the ballot for Department Commander was announced, as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	326
Necessary for a choice.....	163
Joseph B. Griswold.....	24
William Mears.....	33
Geo. W. Stone.....	56
E. C. Cannon.....	213

Comrade Griswold moved that the election of Comrade Cannon be made unanimous, which motion was seconded and carried, whereupon Comrade Cannon was declared to have been elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

There being but one nomination for Junior Vice Department Commander, on motion of Comrade Spear, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to, and did, cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Kent for said position, and he was declared to have been duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Boardman, Post 67—I move you that the Department Commander appoint a committee of three to escort the Commander-elect to the stage.

Seconded and carried, and the Department Commander appointed as such committee Comrades Carrington, Spear and Ives.

The next business in order being the election of a Medical Director, Comrade Foote nominated Comrade W. W. Root, the present incumbent, and there being no further nomina-

tions, on motion duly carried, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Root for Medical Director, and he was declared to have been duly elected.

The committee appointed for that purpose escorted Commander-elect Cannon to the platform, with the other comrades who were aspirants for the position of Department Commander.

The Department Commander—I take great pleasure, personally and for the Encampment, in presenting to you your choice for Department Commander for the ensuing year, Comrade Elery C. Cannon.

Comrade Cannon—I hope in the future to get better acquainted with all of you, and I hope that you will get better acquainted with me. You will find out before you get through with me this year that I am no speech-maker, but I will try to get around and see you, and shake your hands for this high honor you have conferred on me. You will remember that Comrade Wyckoff yesterday said he wrote to a post and reinstated 40 or 50 comrades; we will ask Comrade Wyckoff to write a letter to all the posts, and see if we can get them all reinstated. I thank you for this high honor. I will not take up any more of your time today.

The Department Commander—Comrades—I present Comrade Griswold.

Comrade Griswold—Commander and Comrades—It is a pretty severe thing for a man who has been defeated to appear before the men who defeated him, especially if he is an old soldier. But, comrades, I want to thank you for the vote you gave me. I have no desire to be Department Commander. When I came here yesterday I found that my name had been mentioned, and so I permitted it to go before you. I wanted to see if the men who had been talking about me as Department Commander would vote for me, and they did. I thank them for it. I learned some things after I came here that rather startled me. I heard some things regarding some of the candidates for Department Commander. At once I set myself to ascertain the truth, by going to the candidates themselves. I found that every one of them were false. Every man whose name had been mentioned was an honorable man, had been a good soldier, had been a Grand Army man for years; and so I said I shall be content, whoever is chosen. Now, comrades, you don't want to hear me talk, although I like

to talk when looking at an old soldier. But I just want to say this: I am perfectly satisfied, nay, I am rejoiced, at your choice. I shall do everything possible to hold up the hands of our Department Commander. I don't want any office; I want to be a private in the ranks, and to do everything possible for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic, to every member of which I am a brother by kinship or comradeship and trial.

The Department Commander—Comrade William Mears.

Comrade Mears—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—It would be hardly expected of me to make a speech, neither would it be possible should I try, but I feel very grateful for this greeting. I feel very grateful for your votes, and with being honored with your support for the high office of Commander of the Department of Michigan. Words will not express my gratitude. The comradeship of the Grand Army of the Republic is worth everything to me. I did not expect to be successful; I will be candid on that. I asked my comrades to let me withdraw, but they said, "No; you are in the fight, and a soldier is to obey orders." I accepted the situation. But I here pledge to the Commander and comrades as loyal support to the Commander-elect as any man in the Department of Michigan. I shall do everything in my power to make his administration a success, and hope the next year will be the brightest year in all our history. I will admit that all through the war I was cowardly, even a small revolver would scare me; but when I come to get a Cannon pointed at me, I couldn't expect anything else but defeat. I thank you for the courtesies you have shown me, I thank you for the support you extended to me. I take some pride in having invited you up here. I hope you enjoy it. Our people in the north woods have enjoyed your visit, and I hope the time will not be far distant when you will again visit this beautiful northern region. I thank you.

Comrade Pond nominated for re-election to the office of Department Chaplain Comrade William Putnam, of Charles T. Foster Post. There being no further nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General, by direction of the Encampment, cast the ballot of the Encampment for William Putnam for this position, and he was declared to have been duly elected as Department Chaplain.

Comrade Putnam—I want to especially thank you for this honor conferred upon me again, and to accept it from you as an especial birthday present, as today I am 82 years

of age. It begins to look as though I should have to live and die a chaplain. I have been chaplain of Charles T. Foster Post, this is the 13th year, and will be four by you. I thank you very much.

The Department Commander—We will now elect five members of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Van Raalte nominated Comrade L. Roberts, Post 18, and there being no further nominations, by direction of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for him, and he was declared to have been duly elected a member of the Council of Administration.

Comrades E. B. Fenton, Post 384; Ren Barker, Post 451; A. V. Austin, Post 181, and Henry Spaulding, Post 20 were each nominated as members of the Council of Administration, and there being no further nominations, by direction of the Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant General cast one ballot for each as named, and they were each declared to have been duly elected as members of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Carrington came to the platform with Comrade Geo. W. Stone, who could not be found when the other candidates appeared.

The Department Commander—Comrade Stone,—whom I now introduce to this Encampment with great pleasure.

Comrade Stone—My absence was caused by being called from the room. I came finally into the room and discovered that you were about to adjourn, and went to the hotel, not having any idea of any further detail in the Grand Army today. I want to say I thank the comrades of the Grand Army for their treatment in giving me the second place in the race. I have had the first defeat I ever had in my life. I feel perfectly happy, and I want to pledge my word that I will go home and work as I have always, to uphold and to sustain this administration. You will find me as I always have been, a good Grand Army man.

The Department Commander—There were 17 delegates and their alternates to be elected; you have elected 12, one from each congressional district, leaving one delegate and alternate at large and four other delegates and alternates. What is your pleasure?

Comrade D. G. Crotty, Post 17, was nominated for delegate at large, and there being no further nominations, by direction of the Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant Gen-



eral cast the ballot of the Encampment for him, and he was declared to have been duly elected delegate at large.

Comrades C. E. Foote, Post 79; James T. Hale, Post 38; E. T. Carrington, Post 278; and H. A. Chapin, Post 31, were nominated for the four remaining delegates, and on motion, duly seconded and carried unanimously, the Assistant Adjutant General cast a vote for each of these comrades, and each of them was declared to have been duly elected a delegate to the National Encampment at its next session. The officer of the day announced a committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. in waiting.

The regular order of business was suspended to receive the delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. Comrades Cannon and Griswold were appointed a committee to escort the ladies to the platform, and having performed that duty, the ladies were received in due form.

The Department Commander—I have great pleasure in presenting to the Encampment this committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. We will have the pleasure of hearing from Mrs. Randall.

Mrs. Randall—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—The honor of being *one* to greet you, in behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R., has fallen to my lot, and as I stand before you, there comes surging through my mind, thoughts of those historical times, in which *you*, individually and collectively, had so prominent and heroic a part, a *lump* rises in my breast, as I recognize my own inability to do *justice* to the occasion;

And *yet*, I have an *intense* desire, to so express myself, that you may *realize*, the sincere regard and reverence, which is in my *heart*, and in the heart of *every* lady of our organization, for the heroes who preserved the Union.

Every lady in *our* order had *some* dear one, a husband, father, brother, or other blood kin, who fought, bled, and perhaps, died for our country, or, happily, may be with you tonight.

The object of our organization, as you all may know, is to keep ever green, the loving memory of those comrades, who have answered to the last bugle call; and, *above all*, to do what lies within our power to brighten the declining years, of those who are spared to be with us; for;

“One rosebud to the living. a smile, a kind word said,  
Is worth a *ton* of roses at the funeral of the dead.”

Once each year we gather around the camp fire, and,

with reminiscence and good cheer, devote a few days to social intercourse and exchange of greetings. It is *good* that we should thus foregather, and listen to tales of those troublous times, through which this nation passed, from '61 to '65, that we may appreciate the blessings of the peaceful and prosperous times we now enjoy. Thanks to you.

The greater the soldier, the more he appreciates the blessings of peace, as is evidenced by the *strenuous* efforts now being made, by our soldier president, to bring peace to the two countries which have been engaged in one of the most cruel and bloody wars.

Behold, how *good* it is to dwell together in unity; note the brightening luster of the eye, the added glow to the cheek, when the battle-scarred veteran, grasps the hand of some comrade, who, perhaps, shared his perils and his tobacco.

Comrades, all, in behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R. of Michigan, I greet you, and may your remaining years be crowned with the glory due, and be sheltered by the loving care of all the nation, which owes you a debt that can be paid in no other way.

I trust that I may have the pleasure, and the honor, of meeting you all, around the camp fire, another year, and yet another, and *many* more.

The Department Commander—I have the honor of presenting Mrs. Jameson, who is well known, at least to one comrade.

Mrs. Jameson—Last year I was a substitute; this year I am a real soldier. Last year I told you how our order was organized, and this year I want to tell you just two things, and to answer questions which are frequently asked. First of all I want the old soldiers to know that we take old soldiers in our order as honorary members. They take no part in the initiation of candidates; they have a right to speak on all subjects, but not to vote. I remember one old soldier in this hall who was obligated—his name is Root. A beautiful custom which our order has, when an old soldier dies, we take a flag, 16 inches wide by 24 inches long, and fashion it into a Grand Army badge. One of the sisters says "He offered his life, if need be, that this flag might wave forever. We, the Ladies of the G. A. R.—mother, sister, daughter, wife, granddaughter of this comrade, now lovingly and reverently place it upon his breast." Your order—all the old soldiers—frequently say to us, "What does your order give for relief?" I will give

you the items taken from the National Proceedings of last year. Given for relief, \$23,044.91; given to soldiers' homes, \$323.76; to soldiers' widows, \$2,517.41; to soldiers' orphans homes, \$167.95. In addition to this our order maintains a home in Pennsylvania, at Sixty-fifth and Vine St., Philadelphia, for the aged veteran and his wife, which was founded by Julia P. Shade, a Past National President, in 1894, which cared for 30 comrades and their wives. In 1901 the place being found to be too small, they decided to build another home on the same location. The corner stone was laid on the 10th of October, 1903; the completed building dedicated and formally opened April 30, 1904. While there are a number of Homes, state and national, for the old soldier, they admit only the husband, and make no provision whatever for the good old wife, and she must either go to the annex, if she has no friend to care for her, or to the poor-house. We also have a Home at Hopkins Station, Pa., for the widow, daughters, and sisters of the veteran. These homes are entirely cared for by our order. In this connection I wish to quote in part from Commander-in-Chief Gen. Black's speech made at our convention last August in Boston. Gen. Black, in part, said:

"The Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are separate organizations, with distinct functions. There is necessity for the two organizations—there is room for both. Sister Bailey heeded the Macedonian cry for assistance in passing the Service Pension bill, and help in advancing a sacred legislation. I tender to her and to you the heartfelt thanks of the G. A. R., and hope, as time passes, that every American woman and girl may become eligible by birth to your great order. After the lapse of 100 years the Daughters of the American Revolution created their society. After 100 years more all American women who are descendants of the veterans of the civil war will wish to become eligible to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, if the same spirit predominates in future years as your National President and your ladies now exhibit."

Now, Commander, I thank you for your courteous attention.

The committee having retired, the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Carl Engle, Post 162, was elected alternate at large to the National Encampment to meet at Denver,

by the vote of the Assistant Adjutant General, on motion duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Comrades E. Howard, Post 204; William Davey, Post 17; J. R. Stephenson, Post 5; and C. C. Phillips, Post 19, were each elected alternates to the National Encampment to be held at Denver, by the vote of the Assistant Adjutant General, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried.

The Junior Vice Department Commander, Dan J. Willison, took the chair.

Comrade Van Raalte presented and read the report of the Committee on the Address of the Department Commander, which was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 21, 1905.

To the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, reports as follows: That in reference to the large number of members carried on the rolls as suspended, your committee recommends that the incoming Commander be and he is hereby directed to call the attention of Posts in General Orders to requirements of Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4, of the Rules and Regulations governing same.

Second, Believing that a great many comrades of the Department would gladly serve on the Committee on Soldiers' Home, the Legislative Committee, the Executive Committee of the council of Administration, without compensation or expense to the Department, and in view of the diminishing numbers in membership, thereby decreasing the receipts from year to year; we recommend that the suggestions of the Department Commander be approved and that expenses of such committees be borne by each individual member and not by the Department.

Third, In view of the fact that this Department, through its Commander and Delegates at the last National Encampment held in Boston, Mass., pledged the sum of \$200 towards the Stephenson Monumental Fund, and that the sum of \$65.95 has been raised from the Posts and other sources in the Department, and believing that the Department of Michigan wishes to contribute its proportionate share with the other Departments towards this noble and worthy purpose, we would recommend that the balance of the \$200.00 so pledged, amounting to \$134.05,

be paid out of the general fund of the Department, and that an order be drawn on A. Q. M. G. for the same.

Your committee takes great pleasure in commending the economical, business-like, and efficient administration of the affairs of the Department during the past year by your Commander, and in accordance with established custom, we recommend that a Past Department Commander's badge be purchased at a cost not exceeding thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars, and be presented to Commander Geo. H. Hopkins, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by this Department.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
O. A. JANES,  
LOUIS KANITZ,

Committee.

Comrade Van Raalte—I move the adoption of the report.

Comrade Gage—I ask for a division, thus giving opportunity for each of these recommendations to be voted on separately.

It was so ordered.

Comrade Van Raalte—The first one is a question as to suspension. We call attention to the Rules and Regulations. This question is entirely governed by them.

The recommendation was adopted without debate.

Comrade Van Raalte—The second is, that a great many comrades of the Department would gladly serve on the committees, Soldiers' Home, Legislative Committee, and the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration without compensation or expenses, and in view of diminishing numbers in membership, and thereby decreasing receipts from year to year, we recommend that the suggestion of the Department Commander be approved, and that the expenses of such committees be borne by each individual member, and not by the Department.

Comrade Gage—It seems to me there are two views to be taken of this matter. Now, there are many, as suggested by the Commander of the Department, who are able and willing to pay such expenses, but there are also, perhaps, more worthy comrades who are entirely capable of performing these duties, and would be pleased to be honored in that way, who do not feel able to bear all such expenses; and I think that every comrade of the Department of Michigan should be eligible to those positions. I know and you know that there are many who are entirely fit for

those positions who are not able to bear the expense. I know that on the Council of Administration at this time there are at least two men who, if it were necessary for them to bear all these expenses themselves, would not have been able to perform the duties they did perform, and they performed those duties most admirably. Those two men did this largely for the successful work of the Council of Administration. I am not strenuous at all on this point. I simply desire to present the other side of the question. Let me suggest also, that as for the Soldiers' Home Committee, they need never visit the Soldiers' Home except upon the express request of the Commander. If he deems it important enough to have them make that visit, then I should consider it important enough for the Department of Michigan to pay the expense of their visit. And I apprehend that is true also of the Legislative Committee. I should consider the same rule should apply to them. Therefore, in order to get this before the Department, I move that the resolution be divided, and that it read in part as follows:

That hereafter the expenses of the Committee to Visit the Soldiers' Home and the Committee on Legislation be paid, whenever the Department Commander requests them to attend to any particular duty.

Comrade Pond—I support the motion for the purpose of getting it before the house.

The question was stated.

Comrade Pond—It seems to me that it is a point well taken, for this reason; your Commander-elect will name the Committee on Legislation, will name the Committee to Visit the Soldiers' Home, and you have named by vote who shall be your Council of Administration, and you elected them before their expenses were cut off. I do not believe it would be proper at this time to have this resolution cover the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration. I understand they are called to headquarters, where they are called to examine the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, which may take two or three days. As Comrade Gage has well said, in your election of comrades you take up good men whom you are not sure can afford these expenses, and that should be taken into consideration.

Comrade Van Raalte—There is to a certain extent something in what has been said by Comrade Gage and Comrade Pond. But let us look at this in a fair light. The

Committee on the Soldiers' Home, when they accepted that office, it is an honorary office; how many have filled that office and never have asked for expenses? And there are some who are exceedingly anxious to get on this committee because they know their expenses are paid. The Legislative Committee, if I was nominated, I should consider it my duty to go there if there was anything to do. It is like any other committee when called upon, they are expected to go there and see what they can do. If they go, they do it voluntarily, unless they are ordered. The Council of Administration, let me say something about that. You say they manage your affairs. I know they do, and it is a good thing they manage them. But I do not know of a single year when there has not been a great scramble to get on this committee, and the man works the hardest to get on it, sometimes, whether he is fitted or not for it. I know there are many comrades just as worthy who would like to get there, and would be perfectly willing to pay their own expenses. Now we are having meetings two or three days, sometimes. I know by former experience that the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration can do all its work at the Annual Encampment—can check up all vouchers and settle with the Quartermaster General in at least two hours. You have made a great many changes. You have taken away all expenses of members who attend the National Encampment. You saved several hundred dollars last year by doing that. This is no time to retrograde. I hope that this motion will not prevail, but that you will adopt the report of the committee. I do not believe that you will ever regret it, or that the Department will suffer for it. I do not believe that there is a man here in this house but what would like to fill the position of representative of this Department to the National Encampment, and be glad to do it free of expense.

Comrade Pond—My only thought was with reference to the action after the election. I take no exceptions to the remarks of Comrade Van Raalte. We Past Department Commanders made just as much of a hustle to get into our respective offices as did the Council of Administration.

Comrade Kanitz—This seems to be, according to Comrade Pond, whether we are dealing fairly with the comrades who have been elected. I take it, it is a question whether we are able to pay. I want to say that every man should have fair value for his services, but I want you to under-

stand that the money of our Department is diminishing. Posts are struggling, with all the assistance of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army. There are comrades who are paying the per capita tax of their Posts to keep them in. I know what I am talking about. When you go to work and take these hard earned pennies to pay something that somebody else is willing to do free, the question arises, is that right? I don't want to say these comrades should not be paid, but the question is, whether we are able to do so. We have got to curtail; we have got to retrench on every line in our Department. You have done it from Pond down to today. Every Department Commander has recommended and striven to live within his means. I hope, comrades, that you will adopt this report of your committee. This matter has been given careful attention. I would be the last man in the world to say that a comrade should not be remunerated for his services. I have been a working man all my life. But we haven't got it, boys. Be fair and honest to the comrades back at home, who are striving hard to be in touch with you, and don't squander their hard earned pennies to pay somebody when somebody else wants to do it gratis.

Comrade Gage, with the consent of his second, withdrew his motion to amend, and the recommendation of the committee was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Comrade Pond, the balance of the report was then adopted.

The Encampment took a recess until 2 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Department is due and is most freely given to the people of Traverse City for their kind and most hospitable reception. From the time we set foot within their bor-



ders they have not permitted one moment to pass without evidencing their good will and pleasure at having this Department in their midst; and we will carry away with us memories of unbounded pleasure received at their hands.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Encampment be extended to Post 18 for the kindly way in which they have looked after the interests of this Encampment during its session, and to the Officer of the day, the Officer of the guard, and the guards for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

*Resolved*, That we extend to our retiring Commander, Geo. H. Hopkins, a hearty greeting for the faithful manner in which he has performed his duties during the year and the business-like manner and economy in conducting the affairs of the Department, during the past year. That to our Commander elect, Comrade Cannon, we extend greeting, with the faithful promise that we will obey all his orders as becomes good soldiers.

Now, Comrades, believing this Encampment should not close without a fitting endorsement of the manly position taken by President Theodore Roosevelt in favor of good government, now, be it

*Resolved*, By the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in Annual Encampment assembled. That we extend to Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, our hearty greetings, and do pledge to him our united and earnest support for the promotion of good government and the enforcement of the laws.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Department Commander to the President.

WM. SHAKESPEARE,

E. T. CARRINGTON,

Committee.

The report and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Encampment, the installation of the officers-elect was proceeded with, Col. C. V. R. Pond, Senior Past Department Commander acting as installing officer:

Department Commander—Elery C. Cannon.

Senior Vice Department Commander—M. D. Morgan.

Junior Vice Department Commander—S. M. Kent.

Medical Director—W. W. Root.

Department Chaplain—Wm. Putnam.

Were duly installed into their respective offices.

The Department Commander appointed Fayette Wyckoff his Assistant Adjutant General, who was duly installed.

The Department Commander announced that he would appoint his Assistant Quartermaster General later.

Past Department Commander Hopkins—I cannot leave the position which was so kindly given to me a year ago without again expressing to you my most heartfelt and sincere thanks for the honor you did me then. How well or how faithfully I have performed those duties, it is for you to say. I know that my heart has been in the work.

I only regret that I did not have sufficient time to do more for you than I have been able to do. But now, comrades, while in the last year you, to a certain extent, have been subject to my orders, I will now, as I step into your ranks, submit to your orders. Commander Cannon, allow me to place upon your breast the badge of your office.

The Department Commander—Is there anything more to be brought before this Encampment? If there is nothing further, I would invite the Council of Administration to meet me at Room 62 in the annex, immediately after adjournment.

The Department Chaplain pronounced the benediction the Twenty-seventh Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, came to a close.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## ORDERS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, JUNE 16, 1904. }

## General Orders No. 1.

I. Having been chosen Department Commander for the coming year, by the unanimous vote of the 26th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Battle Creek, June 14th-16th, and having been duly installed, I hereby assume command. Deeply grateful for the confidence shown and mindful of the responsibilities, I confidently ask the active co-operation of all Comrades in acting and teaching lessons of patriotism and love of country.

## II. The following appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38.

Assistant Quartermaster General, Jacob Bristol, Post 384.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Other appointments will be announced in future Orders. Appointments as aides on the staff of the Department Commander will be made upon the recommendation of Post Commanders.

III. All Official Communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan.

All personal communications intended for the Commander should be addressed to him at Detroit, Michigan.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., JUNE 22, 1904. }

## General Orders No. 2.

I. At the 26th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Battle Creek, June 14th-16th, the following officers were elected and duly installed:

Department Commander, Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384. . . . . Detroit  
Senior Vice Dept. Commander, John J. Corwnell, Post 32. . . . . Battle Creek  
Junior Vice Dept. Commander, Dan. J. Willson, Post 48. . . . . Jackson  
Medical Director, W. W. Root, Post 441. . . . . Mason  
Department Chaplain, Wm. Putnam, Post 42. . . . . Lansing

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Wm. Davey, Post 17.....	Detroit.
John R. Bennett, Post 7.....	Muskegon
L. H. Ives, Post 441.....	Mason
Wm. G. Gage, Post 38.....	Saginaw
Alfred Milnes, Post 109.....	Coldwater

II. The following named Comrades were elected Delegates and Alternates to represent the Department at the 38th National Encampment to be held at Boston, Mass., August 15-20th:

## DELEGATES.

S. M. Kent (at large).....	Post 5
Chas. A. Bartlett.....	Post 17
Theodore E. Wood.....	Post 41
C. W. Alberton.....	Post 185
B. D. Pritchard.....	Post 56
W. D. Frost.....	Post 5
W. C. Nesen.....	Post 42
E. G. Spaulding.....	Post 98
Wm. N. Stocker.....	Post 157
G. W. Wheeler.....	Post 461
John W. Snyder.....	Post 67
"Ren" Barker.....	Post 451
Geo. G. Johnson.....	Post 8
J. M. Greenfield.....	Post 89
A. L. Bryant.....	Post 255
D. C. Spears.....	Post 10
E. H. Green.....	Post 119
Chas. W. Lung.....	Post 100
John D. Berry.....	Post 263

## ALTERNATES.

Develand Arnold (at large).....	Post 79
John Devlin.....	Post 433
H. Palmer.....	Post 45
B. F. Rolf.....	Post 109
Henry Miller.....	Post 39
S. H. Mallery.....	Post 382
Chas. E. Dunston.....	Post 114
G. W. Howe.....	Post 98
Wm. Morgan.....	Post 38
D. M. Ruggles.....	Post 3
M. J. Borland.....	Post 67
Wm. Mears.....	Post 235
A. O. Kruger.....	Post 300
W. D. Brainerd.....	Post 111
D. G. Crotty.....	Post 17
Joshua Noah.....	Post 37
C. H. Browning.....	Post 32
Wm. H. Godfrey.....	Post 131
O. F. Kaywood.....	Post 48

### III. The following Staff Appointments are hereby announced:

Judge Advocate, Allen B. Morse.....	Post 211
Department Inspector, R. B. Robbins.....	Post 54
Chief Mustering Officer, A. H. Rolph.....	Post 175
Chief of Staff, Geo. W. Stone.....	Post 42
Senior Aide-de-Camp, John Devlin.....	Post 433

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

### IV. The following Standing Committees are hereby announced:

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Wm. Davey.....	Post 17
Alfred Milnes.....	Post 109
W. G. Gage.....	Post 38

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

S. J. Lawrence.....	Post 318
Chas. E. Foot.....	Post 79
J. O. Probasco.....	Post 100

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Henry S. Dean.....	Post 137
R. J. Kelley.....	Post 32
Albert E. Cowles.....	Post 42

#### COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Henry P. Baldwin.....	Post 17
J. W. McCrath.....	Post 5
H. A. Clute.....	Post 166

V. Requisitions for supplies must be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich., and all money orders or drafts made payable to his order. Remittance must accompany all requisitions.

VI. Appointments of Aides will be made upon recommendation of Post Commanders. It is expected that only those who have the time and can render assistance to the Department Commander, in advancing the interests of the Department will be recommended; each Aide is expected to promptly report to these headquarters; accepting or declining the appointment, and furnish his postoffice address. Commissions will only be issued to those reporting their acceptance.

VII. Attention is called to the approaching National Encampment to be held at Boston, Mass., August 15th-20th. It is earnestly desired that the Department of Michigan be largely represented there and that as many Posts will attend as possible. The organization of the comrades by districts, counties and cities is advised, the desire being to bring out the largest representation possible.

Posts should at once commence preparation and perfect plans for the attendance of as many of the comrades as are able to go. Comrades who are so favorably situated that they can, should help others to enjoy these privileges.

Headquarters for the Department of Michigan will be established

at Hotel Brunswick. Further notice with full detail as to headquarters, train, route, etc., will be given in future orders.

VIII. The Department Commander hopes that the comrades will put forth renewed effort to increase the membership by recruiting new members, and in the restoring of those who have been suspended or dropped. Every worthy veteran of the Civil War should be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The noble purpose of our order must appeal to the heart of every comrade. Let every effort be made to gather all worthy comrades of forty years ago within the circle of fraternal regard.

IX. Post officers are again reminded of the urgent necessity of forwarding the semi-annual report and per capita tax for the term ending June 30th *at once*. They will see that their reports are not delayed thus helping the Department in its effort to be prompt and comply with orders from National Headquarters. The burden of tabulating and consolidating these reports must be done before July 10th, and forwarded to National Headquarters.

The Department Chaplain reports that quite a number of post chaplains have not sent on their reports of Memorial services. It is important that they do so without further delay.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JULY 7, 1904. }

### General Orders No. 3.

1. As the time approaches for holding the 38th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the city of Boston, a city of historic memories, Bunker Hill Monument, the Old South Church, Fanueil Hall, and many other historic places, and within a short distance of Plymouth Rock and the battlefields of Concord and Lexington, the Department Commander wishes to urge upon the Comrades of the Department the presence of all who can make it possible to attend. The rates of fare have been fixed at a very low figure, and free quarters in Boston for those desiring them.

2. Michigan Headquarters in Boston will be established at the Hotel Brunswick, Room 18, Monday morning, August 15, where all will receive a hearty welcome. All veterans are urged to call and register immediately after arrival in the city.

Headquarters at Lansing will temporarily close on Thursday, August 11th, and reopen again about August 23.

3. The Annual Parade has been arranged to take place on Tuesday, August 16. This is one day earlier in the week than usual and will necessitate the early arrival of Comrades in the city.

Chief of Staff Geo. W. Stone will have charge of forming the Department in the parade. Commanders of Posts or Battalions taking part in the parade will report to the Chief of Staff at Michigan Headquarters, Monday, August 15, from 5 to 9 p. m., or on the morning of the 16th at 8:30 a. m. Not later.

The National Department will, through circular and the papers of the city, give particulars as to rendezvous and route of the parade.

It is hoped that as many Posts of this Department as possibly can will be present and take part in the parade, bringing their Post colors with them.

4. The Special Department of Michigan Headquarters train will start from Detroit at 1 p. m., Saturday, August 13, from the Union Depot, corner Third and Fort streets. Full particulars as to route, rates of fare, sleeping cars, etc., will be found in *Special Orders* No. 1, sent with these General Orders.

5. Posts and Comrades desiring to secure free quarters, or rooms in private or boarding houses, should make early application to Comrade Silas A. Burton, Old South Building, Boston, Mass., following instructions given in National General Orders No. 10, paragraph X.

6. The Special Headquarters train, leaving Detroit at 1 p. m., Saturday, August 13, will carry the Department Commander and Staff, the President and officers of the W. R. C. and other kindred organizations, and as many of the Past Department Commanders as can attend.

7. Delegates elected to the 38th National Encampment will please notify the Assistant Adjutant General *at once* whether they will be in attendance at Boston. This is important, as alternates must be notified in time to fill vacancies should there be any.

A meeting of Delegates, Past Department Commanders, and all officers entitled to seats in the Encampment from this Department, will be held at Headquarters, Room 18, Hotel Brunswick, on Tuesday, August 16, at 8:00 p. m., to receive delegates' badges, choose a member for National Council of Administration, and member of Committee on Resolutions, and for such other business as may properly come before them.

#### INSPECTION.

8. In compliance with Rules and Regulations a general inspection of the Posts of this Department is hereby ordered. This inspection to be held between October 1 and December 31, 1904. It is desired that where practicable, Posts will arrange for inspection by others than members of their own Post. It is believed that an inspection of a Post by a Comrade from some other Post will add interest to the Inspection. Inspection blanks will be sent to Adjutants of Posts early in September.

The following appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

John M. Caldwell.....	Post 89
Ralph L. Hoge.....	Post 234
Abner S. Fritz.....	Post 168
Jonathan D. Butler.....	Post 40

Comrades appointed as Aides-de-Camp will notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance, as Commissions will be issued only to those who signify their acceptance.

The Department Commander will not hesitate to call upon the Aides

to visit Posts in their vicinity and in every way help to increase an interest throughout the Department.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., SEPTEMBER 14, 1904. }

#### General Orders No. 4.

The 38th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Boston, August 15th to 20th, 1904, was one of the most enjoyable ever held. The attendance was large and the great parade a success, both in point of numbers and the enthusiasm with which the marching veterans were received by the thousands of patriotic citizens who crowded the avenues and streets.

The Commander congratulates the Department of Michigan for the large representation in that parade, and especially Detroit Post No. 384, escort for the Commander, which did so much to maintain the high standing of this Department.

The citizens of the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts by their generous hospitality made all visitors, and especially the old soldier, feel that the welcome came from hearts full of patriotic loyalty.

The sessions of the Encampment were most interesting and business-like. In every particular the 38th National Encampment was one long to be remembered.

The attention of Comrades is especially called to the following extract from the address of Commander-in-Chief Black relative to membership. The Commander urges the Posts of this Department to put into practical use the suggestions so earnestly given.

"The most strenuous efforts have been made during this year to stay the decrease in our membership; but natural causes render such decrease inevitable. It is left for us to cling the more closely together in the bonds of the order.

"Recognizing the inevitable, the Rules and Regulations (see Chapter 2, Art. 2, Sec. 11) have authorized the division of Post members into resident and non-resident members; have given the Department power to authorize the Posts to fix territorial limits within which resident members may be found, and beyond which non-resident members will be found. The initiation of this movement is with the Departments and each Department may act for itself in so authorizing its Posts to divide their members.

"Outposts may be allowed by a Post of such Departments, whenever there is a sufficient number of applicants; two, three, or a dozen, and they can organize under the third paragraph of Section 11, and in this way can keep in touch with the Posts and with each other; may live in full membership with this grand fraternity so long as they are spared, and when the time comes, in the providence of God, for passing away, be then as now, part of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Moreover such sub-organizations are a measure of economy, both to the order and to the individual. Above all it keeps us in touch with one another.



"Where charters, owing to limited members, have to be surrendered, it should be the aim of every comrade to at once deposit his transfer card with the nearest Post.

"I urge upon Department Commanders and Post Commanders and comrades generally, to discuss Sec. 11 of Art. 2, Chapter 2, of our Rules and Regulations, and urge its use to the end that many not now aware of easy conditions of membership may be added to the rolls."

The Department Commander urges upon the Posts, the necessity of putting into practical use the suggestions of the Commander-in-Chief, and recommends that some meeting of each Post be designated for the discussion of the provisions of Sec. 11, Art. 2, chapter 2 of Rules and Regulations, believing that good will come out of such discussion.

But few Posts have sent in names for recommendation as Assistant Inspectors. You will do so at once. Blanks for Inspector's report will be sent to Post Adjutant and by him delivered to the Post Inspectors. These blanks will be sent about October 1st.

The following appointments as aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

James Ingalls, Post 370 .....	West Branch
Rudolph Papst, Post 118 .....	Lexington
H. E. Swift, Post 23 .....	Bloomington
A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5 .....	Grand Rapids
J. R. Chase, Post 126 .....	Belding
Elijah St. John, Post 90 .....	Saginaw, W. S.
Charles Wilber, Post 9 .....	Hesperia
Eugene Muffat, Post 17 .....	Detroit
H. R. Strong, Post 17 .....	Detroit
Geo. M. Doty, Post 252 .....	Howard City
Mark L. Vining, Post 180 .....	Ypsilanti
Michael Roller, Post 37 .....	Stanton

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The following appointments as Assistant Inspectors are hereby announced:

Geo. W. Averill, Post 54 .....	Manton
Lewis W. Brown, Post 118 .....	Jeddo
Stephen Martin, Post 23 .....	Bloomington
Chas. Harris, Post 178 .....	Sheridan
Lucius L. Church, Post 252 .....	Howard City

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Requisitions for supplies should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich. Requisition must be accompanied by the cash.

Blank requisitions will be furnished to Posts on application by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Funds are being raised for a monument to the originator and first Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General B. F. Stephenson. A sufficient amount was pledged at the Boston encampment to insure its speedy erection. The Department Commander pledged from the Department of Michigan, \$200.00 and requests such contributions from the various Posts as they may be

willing to give. Remittances for this purpose should be sent to Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G., Lansing, Mich., at once.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., OCTOBER 3, 1904. }

General Orders No. 5.

1. General Orders No. 2, Current Series, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith. This Order announces the elective and appointive National officers for 1904, and should be kept convenient for future reference.

2. Accompanying this order are the blanks for the reports of the Assistant Inspectors. Adjutants will see that these blanks are placed in the hands of the Assistant Inspectors when appointed. Inspections must take place between October 1 and December 31.

3. Post Commanders should use every effort to secure a full attendance of the comrades. The benefit to be secured can only be had by making it of importance. Where convenient let Posts interchange inspectors, and where the distance is not great and the expense too heavy, let the Posts as a body exchange visits on this occasion. Fraternal visits will prove of great benefit to all. The inspection will then be looked forward to with pleasure by all. The Department has no fund from which to pay the expenses of special inspectors. Posts desiring the detail of a special inspector at their own expense, will notify these Headquarters, designating what comrade they desire detailed to inspect their Post, and their wishes will be complied with.

4. Assistant Inspectors will make their reports to R. B. Robbins, Department Inspector, Adrian, Mich. Address envelopes for making returns are enclosed herewith.

5. The following named comrades by request are hereby appointed as Assistant Inspectors:

Francis Histcut.....	Post 3
Henry Mattoon.....	Post 108
P. H. Penfield.....	Post 68
Perry Crane.....	Post 398
R. Calberton.....	Post 27
J. J. Holmes.....	Post 111
William Downing.....	Post 316
William Van Geesen.....	Post 259
A. B. Frost.....	Post 209
Bently Cook.....	Post 288
Marden Sabin.....	Post 135

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

6. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander:

G. A. Whitbeck, Post 3.....	Whitehall
Milo Sharp, Post 316.....	Grant
Daniel Thompson, Post 398.....	Brant

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

7. Col. F. J. Kellog of Battle Creek, Commander of Michigan Division, Sons of Veterans, is making a strong effort to increase the membership of this worthy order by establishing new Camps and recruiting of those already established. Let every Post and Comrade supplement this effort with their earnest and hearty support.

8. Comrades, as the lengthening evenings approach, bringing more leisure hours, let us rekindle the camp fires and gathering around, tell the experiences of camp and field, sing the old songs and renew the fraternal spirit of long ago.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., NOVEMBER 19, 1904. }

General Orders No. 6.

#### POST ELECTION.

1. The annual election of Post officers for the year 1905 and representatives and alternates to the next annual Department Encampment must be held at the first regular meeting in December, 1904.

Each Post is entitled to one representative for each 50 members and major fraction thereof.

Blanks for list of officers elected, with addressed return envelope will be sent to Post Adjutants who will immediately after the election fill out the same and mail to these headquarters.

Credential blanks in duplicate will also be sent. *One* copy to be mailed to headquarters at once. One copy to be retained and presented by the delegate to committee on credentials at encampment.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

2. The semi-annual reports of the Post Adjutants and Quartermasters for the term ending December 31, 1904, *must be made at the last regular meeting in December.* The per capita tax of 10 cents for each member in good standing must accompany the reports. The red figures giving the number in good standing at last report *must not be changed.* Names of members gained or lost must be given in the column marked for that purpose.

Blanks in duplicate, with addressed envelope for return will be sent to Post Adjutants before December 1st.

#### STEPHENSON MONUMENT.

3. The National Encampment at Boston took up the matter of the B. F. Stephenson Memorial Monument. The committee asked for \$10,000.00. Your Commander, on the advice of many of those present, pledged the Department of Michigan for two hundred dollars.

The response to request for contribution to this fund in General Orders No. 4 has met with feeble response.

The Department Commander again asks the Posts to seriously consider this, and would advise that this be taken up at once. Only a

small amount from each Post is necessary. Some have sent in their donations, but the very large majority have not done so. Let the Posts take hold of this matter promptly during this month and the next so that Michigan's pledge may be paid by January 1st. No Post can afford to be left out in this work. The Commander-in-Chief in his annual address at the Boston Encampment, in speaking of the proposed memorial, said: "As to this work, the Grand Army has pledged itself, we cannot afford to fail in the effort to honor the founder of our great order, through whose far-seeing efforts so much has been accomplished." Comrades! Let your mites be cheerfully and freely given.

#### W. R. C. PETITION.

4. There is being mailed to each Post a petition prepared by the chairman of the pension committee of Fairbanks Relief Corps No. 17, Detroit, Mich., favoring the passage of a law to provide for the burial of the widows of deceased veterans.

Post Commanders are requested to circulate, secure signatures and send the same to Gov. A. T. Bliss not later than December 15th.

#### JOURNAL.

5. The Journal of the thirty-eighth National Encampment, held at Boston, is now ready for distribution. Posts desiring a copy can secure the same by sending postage, 13 cents, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing.

#### MEMBERS IN ARREARS.

6. There appears to be some misunderstanding relative to the standing of suspended and dropped members. In this connection special attention is called to Sec. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Article 4, Chapter 5, revised rules and regulations, edition 1904.

#### ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

7. The following list of comrades having been recommended for assistant inspectors they are hereby appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Francis Hiscott.....	Post	3
William Taylor.....	Post	6
Charles Tanner.....	Post	13
John Seel.....	Post	14
Wm. F. Atkinson.....	Post	17
D. R. Thomas.....	Post	19
J. J. Drake.....	Post	21
Wm. R. Collier.....	Post	26
R. Colbitzer.....	Post	27
Benj. F. Heckert.....	Post	31
John Kelley.....	Post	34
Robert Dederich.....	Post	38
W. H. Miller.....	Post	39
E. H. Havens.....	Post	42
Edwin Young.....	Post	43
D. B. Morgan.....	Post	45
S. C. Parker.....	Post	53

G. W. Averill.....	Post	54
B. F. Groner.....	Post	57
P. H. Penfield.....	Post	68
Varsal P. Fales.....	Post	74
D. H. Grow.....	Post	75
A. J. Miller.....	Post	78
Delevan Arnold.....	Post	79
Wm. Gleason.....	Post	83
Robt. B. Boylan.....	Post	87
M. A. Mesrifield.....	Post	88
A. A. Carr.....	Post	93
James K. P. Furgison.....	Post	100
Henry Maltoon.....	Post	108
R. A. Beach.....	Post	110
J. J. Holmes.....	Post	111
Marden Sabin.....	Post	135
Willard Stearns.....	Post	140
A. D. Luce.....	Post	145
David S. Howard.....	Post	147
Thos. J. Blair.....	Post	158
J. J. Cornwall.....	Post	166
Joshua B. Kribbs.....	Post	176
F. H. Bacon.....	Post	182
E. H. Jacobs.....	Post	205
F. W. Bechtold.....	Post	206
J. B. Frost.....	Post	209
Oscar Bartlett.....	Post	233
Arba Harris.....	Post	234
Wm. Van Geesen.....	Post	259
H. S. Evans.....	Post	274
Bently Cook.....	Post	288
W. Miller.....	Post	294
John Morean.....	Post	307
William Downing.....	Post	316
B. G. Webster.....	Post	318
Geo. Mack.....	Post	326
Geo. H. Godfrey.....	Post	350
James Kelly.....	Post	352
Jas. E. Horton.....	Post	370
A. O'Brien.....	Post	377
Chas. Kaufman.....	Post	393
D. L. Kline.....	Post	395
Perry Crane.....	Post	398
A. C. Gillett.....	Post	405
Samuel Atwood.....	Post	410
L. G. Wilcox.....	Post	419
C. A. Peasley.....	Post	445
A. J. Teall.....	Post	452
Benjamin Franklin.....	Post	453

Upon the receipt of this order, the Commander of Posts where no inspector has been appointed, will detail a comrade to act as assistant inspector, who will at once arrange the details for inspection so that the work may be properly performed and report forwarded within the time specified, viz., December 31st.

## SOLDIER'S RECORDS.

8. The Adjutant General of the State of Michigan is now distributing "*The Records of Michigan Soldiers in the Civil War.*" These are published, each regiment in a volume by itself. Every comrade who served in a Michigan regiment is entitled to a copy of his regiment free, by paying postage, 10 cents. Write to the Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich., for blank applications.

By Command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

The address of all comrades who enlisted from Michigan in the Regular U. S. Army during the Civil War. Information is wanted to complete records. Send address to Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan.

The address of any of the officers of the 6th Michigan Volunteers, who served in the campaign of Port Hudson, La., May, 1863. Also the address of secretary of the Regimental Association, by John A. Vanderbilt, 129 East 165 St., New York City, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., MARCH 14, 1905: }

General Orders No. 7, Series 1904-1905.

1. The attention of Post Commanders and Comrades is called to General Orders No. 5, current series, from National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, copies of which are transmitted herewith. They contain information concerning the next National Encampment of the G. A. R., to be held in Denver, Col., September next.

Posts and Comrades intending to attend the National Encampment should make early arrangements for the same.

2. The attention of Comrades is called to Circular Letter No. 1 of National Headquarters. Let Michigan's share in the distribution of flowers on the graves of those who fell upon the field of battle, be a liberal one and worthy of this great Department.

3. Attention is also called to the addition made to the Burial Service, ordered by the Thirty-Eighth National Encampment. Slips with the addition to be used are enclosed herewith. Commanders are instructed to see that they are pasted in the service books, between pages 46 and 47, as designated.

4. At a meeting of the Department Council of Administration, held in Detroit, February 20th, June 20th and 21st were selected as dates for holding the next Annual Department Encampment at Traverse City.

5. McPherson Post No. 18, G. A. R., and citizens of Traverse City co-operating, will arrange for the holding of the 27th Department Encampment on the dates mentioned, by the appointment of such committees as may be necessary, and upon their organization will report to these Headquarters.

6. Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, accompanied by Adjutant General J. E. Gilman will be present and speak at the Camp-fire on the evening of June 20th. Their presence will add interest and pleasure to the encampment.

7. Further information relative to railroad rates, limitation of tickets, etc., will be given in full in future orders.

Delegates and Comrades are requested to make their arrangements for attending the encampment at an early date.

A royal welcome will be extended to the Department and Comrades by the generous and loyal people of Traverse City.

8. Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Park Place Hotel.

9. Upon recommendation of their respective Post Commanders the following additional named Comrades have been appointed Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

James K. Periman.....	Post 110
U. C. Case.....	Post 125
Henry Nichols.....	Post 176
John Williams.....	Post 182
A. B. Knapp.....	Post 294

The Comrades appointed will notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance, when commissions will be issued.

10. The Department Roster for 1905 has been delayed, awaiting reports of officers from several Posts. It is now ready for the printer and will be issued in about two weeks.

11. Comrade Winfield S. Sly, Special Aide in charge of Patriotic Instruction in the Public Schools, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., desires to secure, for the benefit of pupils of our schools, incidents and sketches or extended flag histories, to be written or dictated by the Comrades who followed or carried the flag; to this end he will pay \$20.00 for the best incident or history of any regimental flag, containing not more than 2,000 words. The sketch or history to be sent to his address, No. 217 North Pine St., Lansing, Mich., on or before July 4th, 1905.

12. Prizes will again be offered to the pupils of our public schools for best essays on historical and patriotic subjects; circulars with full information will be sent to the schools during the current month.

13. Comrades: The threshold of another year has been crossed and the Department Commander sends greetings and well wishes to every comrade of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

The new officers of the Posts have assumed their duties and all are looking forward to a year of earnest work. Let us strive to make the year a memorable one for our loved order. Let every Comrade resolve that he will do all in his power "to sustain the great objects of our order." These are not idle words, but an earnest appeal for every Officer and Comrade to put forth renewed efforts for the up-building of every Post in the Department.

14. The Department Commander wishes to congratulate the following Posts on the substantial gain in membership as shown in reports: Posts No. 9, 35, 110, 252, 264, 370, 413, and 460. Though not the largest Posts in the Department, their increase in membership has been from 22 to 40 per cent. Their example is worthy of emulation.

15. The following Posts having failed to send in their Semi-Annual

Reports for the term ending December 31, 1904, they are reported as delinquent: Posts No. 186, 195, 267, 362, 381, 396, 429.

16. "In union there is strength." Our Department is large, covers a large territory and in membership stands 7th in the National Department. Let it be our aim to maintain this position. Among the Posts of the Department some are strong and some are weak. "Let it be the effort of the strong to help the weak." It is especially urged that the more favored Posts visit and encourage by their presence the less favored ones, and thus stimulate new life, knowing what joy and blessing you will receive by having done what you could.

By Command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

NOTICE—There will be a reunion of the survivors of the First Michigan Infantry at Detroit in June. The Detroit resident members of that organization intend that their old comrades shall have a good time and desire a large attendance. The membership is scattered all over the State and there is no reliable mailing list. All survivors who will send their address to Marvin Preston, President of the First Michigan Association, No. 33 East High St., Detroit, will receive full information.

Wanted, the addresses of John Cavinah and James Roach, who belonged to Co. B, 24th Mich. Inf., or any other member of said Company who knew Wm. J. Corbett, alias William Hamilton, of same Company, by W. J. Sterling, 478 Arcade Block, Seattle, Wash.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICHIGAN, APRIL 24, 1905. }

General Orders No. 8, Series 1904-05.

### MEMORIAL DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 30TH.

I. It is the custom and order of the Grand Army of the Republic that the following be read as a part of the exercises on Memorial Day;

#### PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S ADDRESS AT GETTYSBURG.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we can-



not consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

This day of blessed memory—more than any other the Nation's Day. The day on which the people stop and think,—and thinking remember what the proper observation of the holy hour means,—that they do not forget the past, but are thankful for the patriotism, courage and devotion of those who settled the question which Lincoln at Gettysburg said the nation was then testing, whether "a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" could long endure;—and settled that momentous question in the affirmative. By that settlement they gave peace to a united country and a new hope and bow of promise to every liberty loving patriot of every land.

II. Comrades and fellow citizens of all classes and every faith, lay aside for the day the cares and pleasures of the hour and join in a tribute of love and affection to those who died to make men free. Scatter flowers with loving hands o'er honored graves, and dedicate ourselves anew to the new birth of freedom. Posts are urged to invite all Auxiliary organizations, Patriotic societies, and especially the children and youth of the State, to join in a fitting observance of the day.

III. Post Commanders with their Posts should attend divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day.

By Command of

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MAY, 1905. }

General Orders No. 9, Series 1904-05.

1. As previously announced the Twenty-seventh Annual Department Encampment will be held at Traverse City, June 20 and 21. Headquarters will be established at the Park Place Hotel, Monday, June 19, at 8 a. m.

2. The Executive Committee, Council of Administration, will meet at headquarters, Park Place Hotel, on Monday, June 19, at 10 a. m.

for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Assistant Adjutant General.

3. The Council of Administration will meet at headquarters room on June 19th at 2:30 p. m. for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

4. The encampment will meet for its first session at 10 a. m., Tuesday, June 20th, at the City Opera House.

5. The Committee on Credentials will consist of the Assistant Adjutant General and the following comrades:

H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.

W. W. Dean, Post 18, Traverse City.

Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.

The Credential Committee will meet at the Park Place Hotel on Monday, June 19th, at 2 p. m., and continue in session until the convening of the encampment, when the committee will be found at the City Opera House. Delegates and members of the encampment will as soon as possible after their arrival report to the Credential Committee and receive their delegate badge; without it none will be admitted to the floor of the encampment. Delegates must call in person for their badge. No badge will be issued to alternates unless the delegate is absent. Past Post Commanders cannot be represented by alternates.

In the absence of a Post Commander the Senior or Junior Vice Commander may represent his Post.

6. The Michigan Passenger Association have authorized for the encampment a rate of one fare (but not less than one and one-half cents per mile in each direction locally on the G. R. & I. Ry.) plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip to Traverse City from all points in the Lower Peninsula, except that from points from which the regular one way fare to Traverse City is less than \$1.00, the additional twenty-five cents will not be required. Tickets to be sold going June 17, 18, 19 and 20, limited to return to and including June 23d for the Lower Peninsula and from points in the Upper Peninsula tickets to be sold June 17th and 18th good to return up to and including June 24, 1905.

Comrades and friends attending the encampment and desiring to remain longer than June 23d can avail themselves of the regular summer tourists rates, which are sold at an approximate rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

7. Comrade F. D. Marvin of Post No. 18, will act as Officer of the Day, and Comrade M. H. Morse, of the same Post, as Officer of the Guard, to serve during the encampment. They will report to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, at the Park Place Hotel, on Tuesday morning, June 20th, at 8 o'clock, for instructions.

The Commander of McPherson Post No. 18 will detail a sufficient number of guards to serve during the encampment, who will report to the Officer of the Day for duty in uniform and with arms.

8. The annual parade will take place on Tuesday, June 20th, at 1:30 p. m., and will be in charge of Comrade Geo. W. Stone, Chief of Staff, with such aids as he may appoint. As many Posts as can be requested to attend in a body and bring their flags and banners. Not over twenty minutes will be occupied in covering the line of march.

9. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, and Adjutant General John E. Gilman will visit the encampment and also deliver addresses at the Camp Fire on the evening of June 20th.

10. On Monday evening, June 19th, the citizens of Traverse City will give a reception to the National Commander-in-Chief and Staff, the Department Commander and Staff, the Department Officials of the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R. Rousing camp fires will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 20th and 21st, under the direction of the local committee. Many prominent citizens and members of the G. A. R. have been invited to be present and will speak.

11. It is hoped that many of the regimental associations will avail themselves of the encampment and the low rate of railroad fare and hold their regimental reunions at the time of the encampment.

12. Comrades desiring to secure rooms and board during the encampment can secure the same by addressing Hon. E. J. Fulghum, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. The Entertainment Committee has prepared a blank and sent out to all Posts asking the Comrades to fill out, stating whether they wish hotel or private house accommodation.

The following hotel rates are announced: Park Place Hotel, accommodates 150; rates \$2 to \$3 per day. Hotel Whiting, accommodates 200; rates, \$1.50 to \$2 per day. Hotel Columbia, accommodates 54; rates, \$1.50 per day. Cottage Home, accommodates 40; rates, \$1.50 per day. Lelanau Hotel, accommodates 35; rates, \$1 to \$1.50.

The committee states they will be able to furnish four or five hundred accommodations in private houses at the rate of a dollar a day.

13. The citizens of Traverse City will give to the Comrades of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., a most cordial welcome and to carry out this purpose have appointed the following excellent committees:

*Executive Committee*—Judge Lorin Roberts, Post Commander M. D. Morgan, Prof. I. B. Gilbert, P. C. Gilbert, Hon. T. T. Bates, Hon. E. W. Hastings, Hon. E. J. Fulghum and Robert E. Walter.

*Committee on Entertainment*—Hon. E. J. Fulghum, Prof. I. B. Gilbert, Hon. James W. Milliken and Charles E. Murray.

14. The Department Headquarters at Lansing will be closed June 17th and transferred to Traverse City, where they will be established during the Encampment, and reopened at Lansing as soon after the encampment as possible.

15. The 128th anniversary of the birth of the American Flag "Old Glory" occurs on Wednesday, June 14th. The Department Commander urges that Posts arrange for the proper observance of the day and requests that the homes and business places of the Comrades be decorated with the Flag of our Country on that day.

16. The Department Officers will prepare their reports and transmit a copy of the same to the Assistant Adjutant General not later than June 10th.

17. Blanks for the reports of Post Chaplains as to the observance of Memorial Day accompany these orders. Post Adjutants will see that these blanks are placed in the hands of Post Chaplains, who will fill out and mail to the Department Chaplain on the day following Memorial Day, while the events of the day are fresh in mind. Where there is no Post Chaplain to report the Post Adjutant will fill out and forward the report.

18. The attention of Comrades is called to "House Enrolled Act No. 91 and House Enrolled Act No. 259, Session of 1905, copies of

which accompany these orders. These laws were given immediate effect and have been approved by the Governor. They are of general interest to all and should be read and filed away for reference.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JULY 7, 1904. }

TO BOSTON—AUGUST, 1904.

#### Special Orders No. 1.

Route for Special Headquarters' train as selected by the Committee on Transportation and approved by the Department Commander, is as follows: Wabash Railroad, Detroit to Buffalo; West Shore Railroad to Rotterdam Junction; Boston and Maine Railroad, Rotterdam Junction to Boston. Train will leave Union Station, corner Fort and Third streets, Detroit, Saturday, August 13th, 1904, 1:00 p. m. Arrive in Boston, Sunday, August 14th, 1904, 11:00 a. m.

There will be a dining car on the special. Supper at Buffalo; breakfast at Greenfield.

This train going will run through solid from Detroit to Boston.

#### TICKETS.

The fare for the round trip from Detroit to Boston and return will be \$14.90.

From other points in Michigan add one cent per mile in each direction from starting point to Detroit.

Tickets will be on sale August 12th, 13th and 14th from the Lower Peninsula, and from the Upper Peninsula August 11th, 12th and 13th. Good for return to leave Boston not earlier than August 16th, nor later than August 20th, on being validated by Joint Agent.

#### EXTENSION OF TICKETS.

To secure extension of tickets, tickets must be deposited with Joint Agent, No. 75 Federal Street, Boston; office hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., not later than August 20, 1904, and a fee of 50 cents paid at the time of deposit, on which an extension will be given to leave Boston not later than September 30th, 1904.

Stop-overs will be allowed at Niagara Falls, either going or returning.

#### SLEEPING CARS.

Sleeping car rates: Cost of double berth in first-class Pullman, \$4.50. Double berth in tourist car, \$2.25.

There will be a limited number of drawing rooms in the palace sleepers, each room containing two lower and one upper berth; cost of which on this train will be \$16.00.

Pullman sleeping car reservations: Space will be assigned in the order in which applications are received, for either the palace cars or tourist sleeper. In making application, be sure and state whether you

desire space in the palace or tourist car. The money for space desired must accompany the application in order to secure reservation.

Write to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich., or A. F. Wolfschlager, Passenger Agent, Wabash Railroad, 9 Fort Street, Detroit, Mich., for space in Sleeper on Department Special.

In addition to the Sleepers the train will contain ordinary coach and reclining chair cars.

Baggage should be plainly marked with the name of owner and should be checked through from starting point to Boston on Michigan G. A. R. Special.

#### RAILROAD CONNECTION.

Pere Marquette and other roads will run regular, and special trains if required from points on their lines to connect with the Special Headquarter's train leaving Detroit at 1 p. m., Saturday, August 13th, 1904.

All lines leading out of Michigan will sell tickets to Boston via New York, if desired. All railroads to Boston from Detroit, \$17.80. Via New York and Sound steamers, \$17.05.

Tickets via New York permit a stop-over at New York of ten days on the return trip only, by depositing ticket with Joint Agent, No. 24 W. 26th Street, New York, immediately upon arrival; and a fee of \$1.00 paid at time of deposit.

A representative of the Wabash Railroad will accompany the Special Headquarter's train.

Detroit Post No. 384, accompanied by the Salem Cadet Band, having tendered their services as escort to the Department Commander for the grand parade at the National Encampment, the same has been accepted.

It is the wish of the Commander that the Department be represented by a large number of the comrades, the W. R. C., Sons of Veterans and other similar organizations. The sale of tickets is not limited to members of the G. A. R. A cordial invitation to join the party is extended to all friends who wish to visit Boston.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Ast. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander.

#### PARADE OF 38TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, AUG. 16, 1905.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., AUGUST 12, 1904. }

#### Special Orders No. 2.

I. Following general orders No. 11 from National Department for the G. A. R. Parade, *Tuesday, August 16th*. The Department of Michigan will form the *17th division* in the parade.

II. All Posts and Organizations in the Department of Michigan will report promptly for the parade at 9 a. m. sharp, to Chief of Staff,

Geo. W. Stone, corner Clarendon and Newberry streets, south of Newberry; column will be formed in files of 12.

III. Detroit Post No. 384 being escort will have the right of the line. Other Posts will be assigned to position in the order of their reporting to the Chief of Staff. Distance between Posts will be twenty feet, between Platoons (single rank, twelve file front) eight feet, which distance will be maintained throughout the march. The column will march *guide left* throughout the route, except when approaching the reviewing stand on Boylston street, when the guide will be changed to right; salutes at the reviewing points will be rendered when within six paces thereof by all colors and by commanding officers of the Posts.

His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts will review the column at the State House on Beacon street. His Honor the Mayor of Boston at the City Hall on School street. The Commander-in-Chief at the reviewing stand on Boylston street.

After passing the Commander-in-Chief in review, the Department will follow the Commander to the Hotel Brunswick, only two blocks away, where the Department will be dismissed.

IV. It is earnestly desired by the Department Commander that all Comrades from Michigan who are in Boston will join the Department in the parade if physically able to do so. The line of march is less than two miles.

By order of

GEO. H. HOPKINS,  
Department Commander,

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION.

Department of Michigan, G. A. R., Headquarters at Hotel Brunswick, corner Boylston and Clarendon streets. All Comrades should call and register immediately after arrival in the city.

If you expect to stay in Boston or vicinity later than the 20th be sure and deposit your ticket with the Joint Agency, 75 Federal street (near the postoffice), before the 20th.

Tuesday evening, August 16th, a Monster Campfire at Mechanics' Building.

Wednesday, Session of the Encampment at Symphony Hall.

Wednesday evening, 4,000 canoes brilliantly illuminated will maneuver on Charles river, at the same time you can witness a magnificent display of fireworks.

Throughout the week the "White Squadron" will be in Boston Harbor and visitors will have opportunity to visit some of the Nation's noted warships.

## STATUTE LAWS.

Laws of Michigan affecting Veterans passed by the Legislative Session of 1905.

[Act No. 39, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT to provide for the burial of the bodies of certain honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines or the wives or widows of said soldiers, sailors or marines in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, and to repeal act number two hundred forty-two of the public acts of 1899.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward, in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent and respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed forty dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine having served in the army or navy of the United States, during the civil war or the late war with Spain, or the wives or widows of such soldiers, who shall hereafter die not having means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person so appointed shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors; and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed, as provided in the foregoing section, before he assumes the charge and expense of any such burial, to first satisfy himself by a careful inquiry into, and examination of all the circumstances in the case that the family of such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine as aforesaid, if he or she had any at the time of his or her decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable for want of means, to defray the expense of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine or the deceased wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine to be buried as provided in section one of this act, and he shall also immediately report his action to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county, setting forth all the facts, and that he found the family of such deceased person, if he or she had any, in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the expenses of such funeral or burial, together with the name, rank and command to which such soldier, sailor or marine belonged, and in case of such wife or widow, the rank and command to which her husband or deceased husband belonged, the date of his or her death, place where buried and his or her occupation while living; also, an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors upon receiving the report and statement of expenses provided for in section two of this act, to transcribe in a book kept for that purpose all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine or the deceased wife or widow of the same. It shall also be the duty of said clerk, upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor or marine to make application to the proper authorities under the government of the United States for a suitable headstone, as is now or may hereafter be provided by act of congress, and to cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's or marine's grave. And also, to cause a suitable headstone to be placed at the head of the deceased wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, if the same shall now or hereafter be provided by act of congress.

Section 4. All expenses incurred in such burial as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

Section 5. Act number two hundred forty-two of the public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-nine, is hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 30, 1905.

[Act No. 110, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT to authorize townships, cities and villages to appropriate money to defray the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial or Decoration Day.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. It shall be lawful for the township board of any township, the board of trustees of any village or the common council of any city in this State, to appropriate money for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial or Decoration Day: Provided, That the amount expended in any one year under the provisions of this act shall be limited as follows: In any township, city or village having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars; in any village containing not less than five thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars; in any village or city containing not less than ten thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one hundred twenty-five dollars, and in any village or city containing not less than twenty thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one hundred fifty dollars. The sums hereby authorized to be appropriated shall be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other expenses of such township, village or city are assessed, levied and collected.

Section 2. The manner and extent of such observance of Memorial or Decoration Day shall be under the direction of the township board of the township, board of trustees of the village or common council of the city, as the case may be, and the expense thereof shall be paid in the same manner as other expenses of such township, village or city are paid.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 10, 1905.



[Act No. 239, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT to make an appropriation for designating by monuments the locations occupied by the second, eighth, twelfth, fifteenth, seventeenth, twentieth and twenty-seventh regiments of Michigan Infantry; and Batteries G and H, First Michigan Light Artillery who participated in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg, within the Vicksburg National Military Park, and providing for the erection of the same.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting monuments within the Vicksburg National Military Park, to designate the positions occupied in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg by the second, eighth, twelfth, fifteenth, seventeenth, twentieth and twenty-seventh regiments of Michigan Infantry, and Batteries G and H, First Michigan Light Artillery. Said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Vicksburg Military Park Commission, created by act number two hundred forty, Public Acts of nineteen hundred three, who shall receive no pay for their services, except for necessary and actual expense and clerk hire, while engaged in their duties.

Section 2. The said commission shall at once, after the passage of this act, proceed to carry the same into effect. They shall determine the design and number of monuments to be erected as contemplated in this act with all convenient speed. The actual expenses of said commission shall be paid out of the fund hereby appropriated, and they shall report to the Governor of the State of Michigan immediately upon the fulfillment of their duties in detail, making an abstract of expenditures with vouchers thereto, with all acts done or made by them, together with information as gathered from their observations and pertinent in its relation thereto, shall be embraced in their report as the commission shall think proper.

Section 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand nine hundred five the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum when collected shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse said fund, for the amount appropriated by section one of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 16, 1905.

[Act No. 276, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT making appropriations for the Michigan Soldiers' Home for building and special purposes, and for current expenses, for the fiscal years ending June thirty, nineteen hundred six, and June thirty, nineteen hundred seven, and to provide a tax therefor.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated for the current expenses of the Michigan Soldiers' Home for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred six, the sum of one hundred forty-five thousand dollars, and for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred seven, the sum of one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars.

Section 2. The further sum of seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred six, for purposes and amounts as follows: For a hospital building, with accommodations for three hundred patients, seventy-five thousand dollars; for extension of water mains and steam pipes, two thousand five hundred dollars: Provided, That if the amount designated in this section for any of the purposes stated be insufficient to complete the work or purchase, any surplus remaining after the completion of the other work or purchases specified in this section, may, by obtaining the consent of the State Board of Corrections and Charities and Auditor General, in writing, before any expense in excess of the specific appropriation is incurred, be used in the account or accounts where such deficiency seems unavoidable, the intent of this proviso being to make the entire seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars available for the purposes stated herein, if in the judgment of the State Board of Corrections and Charities and Auditor General, it is deemed advisable to make the transfers for which provision is hereby made.

Section 3. The several sums appropriated by the provisions of this act shall be paid out of the State treasury to the treasurer of the Michigan Soldiers' Home at such times and in such amounts as the general accounting laws of the State prescribe, and the disbursing officer shall render his accounts to the Auditor General thereunder.

Section 4. The Auditor General shall incorporate in the State tax for the year nineteen hundred five the sum of two hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars, and for the year nineteen hundred six the sum of one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars, which, when collected, shall be credited to the general fund to reimburse the same for the money hereby appropriated.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 16, 1905.

[Act No. 313, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT to provide for the disposition of the money now or hereafter accumulated in the "post fund" and the "posthumous fund" of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. The money on hand in the post fund and in the posthumous fund of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, and such money as may hereafter accumulate in said funds, may be expended by the board of managers of said home, in furnishing the new hospital, and for such other purposes for the benefit of the said home and the inmates thereof, as the said board of managers may, in its discretion, determine.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 17, 1905.



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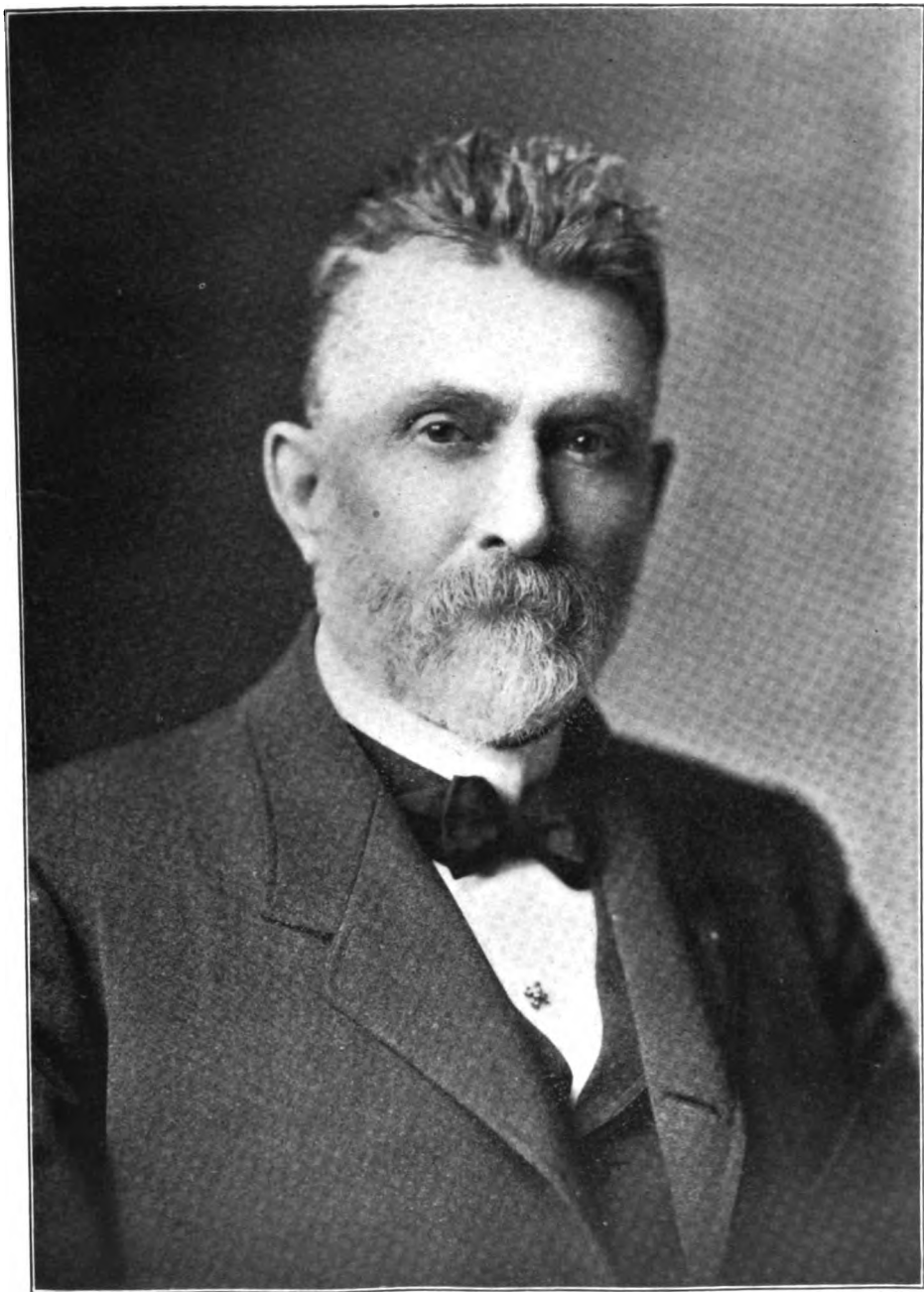
SAGINAW, MICH., JUNE 14, AND 15, 1906

WITH ADDRESSES OF

JAMES TANNER	-	-	-	-	-	Commander-in-Chief
ELLERY C. CANNON	-	-	-	-	-	Department Commander

REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS,  
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.





**ELLERY C. CANNON,**  
**Department Commander.**





## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, JUNE 20, 1906.

HON. FRED M. WARNER, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor, in compliance with law, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 21, 1905 to June 15, 1906, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,

ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.



## FIRST DAY—THURSDAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SAGINAW, MICH., *June 14, 1906.*

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in its 28th Annual Encampment, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, with Department Commander Ellery C. Cannon in the chair, in open session.

Hon. Henry E. Lee, Mayor of Saginaw, was escorted into the hall by a committee duly appointed for that purpose, and spoke as follows:

Department Commander and Gentlemen—I would like to be able to call you comrades, but not having been born until two years before the war, that is impossible.

Ordinarily it is an easy matter to welcome bodies to your city. Ordinarily you tell them of your beautiful city, miles of paved streets, of your great commercial enterprises, you tell them of your parks, and then tell them that the gates are open. So today I tell you in that same strain that everything is open to you, and that we have all those things, and more too. But I can't tell you how pleasant it is to me to welcome the remnants of the grandest army of the world. I want to make you feel that you are welcome to the hearts and homes of the citizens of Saginaw, and I want to assure you so far as I am concerned it is no easy task for me to do it fittingly, as I am no word painter. But I assure you that you are welcome, not only to the hearts and homes, but to everything that Saginaw has, even to the water—but I warn you somewhat against the water. (Applause.) You have all, perhaps, had the same experience I have in being welcomed to people's homes. On some occasions you go to a man's house and he tries his best to entertain you. He has all the wherewith to entertain you,—a beautiful home, you sit down, and afterwards you attend a meal, afterwards you go away, you feel he has tried to entertain you, but you feel it was not satisfactory. Then, again, you enter another home; you go up there with the gentleman, the children flock around, he introduces you to the wife; supper is prepared, all at once you feel at home; you sit down and eat a good hearty meal the same as though you were in your own home, and you go away feeling that you had been royally entertained.

Now, gentlemen, Saginaw would like to have you feel as though you had been in some one's home similar to the last illustration.

I thank you for being present in Saginaw, and hope you will meet here again.

The Department Commander—Mr. Mayor, in behalf of the remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic, I want to thank you for the cordial welcome you have given us to your city. And I want to say to you that of course forty years ago when we came home the people expected we would go into their hen roost, and devastate the State of Michigan, but they soon found out that we were, and have been, as good citizens as the State of Michigan has.

I thank you for the cordial welcome, and I am sure from the bunting that I see hanging on the streets that we are welcome.

Mr. Adjutant General, you will present the Mayor with the encampment badge, making him a temporary honorary member of the G. A. R.

An encampment badge being presented to the Mayor, he retired from the hall, and the Encampment was opened in due form.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain:

Eternal God, ever blessed and precious, we thank Thee for this day, Thou giver and sustainer of life has permitted us to gather once more in this annual assemblage. We thank Thee that Thou hast spared the lives of the officers of this Encampment. We thank Thee that Thou hast sustained the lives of so many of these comrades, advancing many of them in years, and yet Thou hast given them strength for this day. We look to Thee as the great giver and guide of life, for Thy blessings to rest upon this assemblage, and upon all of its transactions. We are in Thy hands, to live not only for our own personal good, but to promote Thy praise and Thy glory through our lives, and we invoke Thy presence and Thy grace to be with each one of us during this convocation.

We thank Thee for Thy great mercy towards our people and toward our land, that still we are enjoying the great and unspeakable blessings of peace and prosperity; that no dark cloud of threatened danger hangs over us as a nation. We thank Thee for sparing the life of our Chief Magistrate and men in authority. Now, we pray that Thy blessings may be upon our land as a whole, and that these blessings that have come to us through Thy great Providence and from the faithfulness and courage of these comrades may continue to bless us as a people for years and years to come, and that we may never again have the dark storm cloud of war, adversity and ruin lowering over us.

We pray that Thou will continue to manifest Thyself as God over all, and Blessed forever, the God of our nation and our people. Be with us continually, and guide us through the further journey of life, and aid each one of us so to live in that journey of life that we may be prepared for that life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Department Commander—I now declare the 28th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, opened in due form. The Adjutant will now call the roll of the Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant having called the roll a quorum was found to be present.

The Department Commander—The rules of the National Encampment will prevail if there is no objection.

Comrade Pond—Department Commander and Comrades: I desire to offer just a few words that I think will be of interest at this state of the proceedings.

It has come to the knowledge of very many of the comrades of this Department that while our membership throughout this jurisdiction were remembering with floral offering the cemetery resting places of their deceased comrades upon last Memorial Day, there sat beside the casket of his dearly loved wife one, who for some few years has been known to every Post in the Department as the earnest worker for their interests as their Assistant Adjutant; Therefore be it,

Resolved, That this Encampment, by its representatives from every corner of our State desire at this early hour of our meeting to extend to Comrade Fayette Wyckoff our sincerest sympathy for him in his great bereavement, and to extend to him our wish that his hands may be strong for the laborious work of this occasion because of the knowledge that we, his Comrades, mourn with him and his lovely daughter in these hours of their deepest sorrow.

Commander—I move you the adoption of this resolution by a rising vote.

Supported. Carried by a unanimous rising vote.

The Department Commander—We will have the report of the Credential Committee.

The Assistant Adjutant General—As Chairman of the Credentials Committee, I wish to report that the committee is still in session. We are not prepared to give a full report at this present time, and I ask that the committee be given further time, and that the report of the committee, when ready, be accepted.

The Department Commander—That will be the order if there is no objection.

## ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT, 1906.

(Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk, thus (\*), were present.)

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Department Commander	- - - - -	*Ellery C. Cannon.
Senior Vice-Commander	- - - - -	*M. D. Morgan.
Junior Vice Commander	- - - - -	*S. M. Kent.
Medical Director	- - - - -	*W. W. Root.
Chaplain	- - - - -	*Wm. Putnam.

### OFFICIAL STAFF.

Assistant Adjutant General	- - - - -	*Fayette Wyckoff.
Assistant Quartermaster General	- - - - -	*E. J. Cox.
Judge Advocate	- - - - -	M. Brown.
Department Inspector	- - - - -	*M. D. Richardson.
Chief Mustering Officer	- - - - -	John G. Berry.
Patriotic Instructor	- - - - -	*W. S. Sly.

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*E. B. Fenton	- - - - -	Detroit.
†A. V. Austin	- - - - -	Milford.
*"Ren" Barker	- - - - -	Reed City.
†L. Roberts	- - - - -	Traverse City.
*Henry Spaulding	- - - - -	Hartford.

### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger.	James H. Kidd.
*C. V. R. Pond.	*Louis Kanitz.
*Byron R. Pierce.	S. B. Daboll.
*Oscar A. Janes.	William Shakespear.
Rush J. Shank.	*Aaron T. Bliss.
*John Northwood.	Russel R. Pealer.
Washington Gardner.	Ethel M. Allen.
Michael Brown.	*James Van Kleeck.
Henry M. Duffield.	*Edward C. Anthony.
*Henry S. Dean.	*D. B. K. Van Raalte.

### JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Commander, \*Rody O'Mera.

*Delegate.*

\*Paul Dubie.

*Alternate.*

Hiram Beardsley.

*Past Commanders.*

\*O. W. Hodges.  
James Wood.  
Thos. C. O'Leary.

W. W. Fowler.  
Henry A. Parker.

† Deceased.

**C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.**

Commander, A. F. Turpening.

*Delegate.*

\*Thos. Ryan.

*Alternate.*

K. B. Ethridge.

*Past Commanders.*

W. G. Whitney.  
E. T. Hoyt.  
A. J. Warner.  
E. C. Chase.  
\*C. V. R. Pond.

L. D. Reynolds.  
Wm. Wimer.  
K. B. Ethridge.  
O. D. Curtis.  
D. H. Wood.

**N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.**

Commander, Francis Hiscut.

*Delegate.*

O. E. Houston.

*Alternate.*

E. Will.

*Past Commanders.*

John C. Dean.  
\*James Dilladaugh.  
Fred Worman.

Dallas Johnson.  
A. S. Casselman.  
G. J. Moog.

**PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.**

Commander, John Boyden.

*Delegate.*

Albert Arnold.

*Alternate.*

Wesley Sage.

*Past Commanders.*

H. H. Weaver.  
R. D. Lane.

Gabriel See.  
Zeladee Culver.

**CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Commander, \*Robert Finch.

*Delegates.*

John Barrett.  
A. B. Bartlett.  
\*Edwin M. Raymond.  
\*Thos. Dixon.

*Alternates.*

Thos. J. Odell.  
Wm. T. Hess.  
Fred. Schriver.  
Francis Lalone.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Byron R. Pierce.  
Chas. W. Watkins.  
Wm. A. Clark.  
Theo. C. Putnam.  
\*W. D. Frost.  
Solon W. Baxter.  
Edward Racine.  
Chas. P. Coffin.  
John A. S. Verdler.  
\*Jas. R. Stephenson.  
Jos. O. Bellaire.  
\*Jos. B. Griswold.

\*A. B. Coffinberry.  
\*Wm. B. Bostock.  
Samuel R. Wooster.  
John W. McCrath.  
\*Chas S. Smith.  
E. H. Cummings.  
\*John Schmidt.  
Thos. Peacock.  
John Knowlen.  
Geo. H. Chappel.  
Asa W. Slayton.  
Chas. W. Dipple.

**C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.**

Commander, A. S. Thomas.

*Delegate.*

\*L. B. Wolcott.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*



**PHIL KERNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.**

Commander, James Dean.

*Delegates.*

\*John W. Brakeman.  
Alexander Eckerman.

*Alternates.*

Isaac R. Hinds.  
John Sprague.

*Past Commanders.*

Louis Kanitz.  
Wm. R. Jones.  
Chas. Miller.  
Wm. Reynolds.  
Oscar Lyons.  
John M. Eddy.  
Howard Bond.  
John G. Allport.

John R. Bennett.  
Chas. B. Mann.  
Edwin P. Watson.  
Stephen A. Aldrich.  
James Cavanaugh.  
John Sturgeon.  
Henry G. Bigelow.

**CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.**

Commander, John Scott.

*Delegate.*

George G. Johnston.

*Alternate.*

Thos. D. Nelson.

*Past Commanders.*

O. B. Robinson.  
Geo. G. Johnson.

Francis V. Sauer.

**JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.**

Commander, Clark R. Reynolds.

*Delegate.*

W. R. Mathews.

*Alternate.*

Hiram Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

H. E. Watterman.  
A. H. Delts.  
William Gilbert.  
Clark Reynolds.  
Chas. Robbins.

J. B. Smith.  
A. S. Muliken.  
Wallace Potter.  
Chas. Wilbur.

**WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.**

Commander, \*Henry C. Spaulding.

*Delegate.*

\*Amos T. Hecox.

*Alternate.*

Frank Miller

*Past Commanders.*

C. M. Dustin.  
\*James Knolls.  
\*David Spears.  
R. B. Davis.  
Horace Pulver.

\*Geo. W. Hurd.  
Geo. W. Jackson.  
Jos. D. Hilton.  
John Dickerson.  
M. V. Fox.

**ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.**

Commander, Wm. W. Hunt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**RYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.**

Commander, Samuel T. McNair.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.**

Commander, Eri. D. Babcock.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Joseph N. Bradley.

Adam Innes.

*Past Commanders.*

Charles E. Judd.  
 Wm. H. Lee.  
 Fred F. Main.  
 Albert L. Hathaway.  
 Geo. W. Dickinson.  
 Lorenzo A. Clark.

Stephen Manchest.  
 Eri. D. Babcock.  
 Jos. N. Bradley.  
 Geo. O. Richardson.  
 Chas. C. Newkirk.

**GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.**

Commander, A. H. Howe.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

\*O. J. Bradley.

A. B. Howes.

\*J. Aumock.

John Spink.

*Past Commanders.*

L. M. Ward.  
 R. M. Warden.  
 A. H. Rowe.  
 John Seel.  
 Ora Nutting.  
 M. J. Vincent.  
 L. Hemingway.

W. F. Kimball.  
 A. A. Covell.  
 John Clark.  
 Henry Skelley.  
 S. B. Kimball.  
 Chas. A. Warner.

**PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.**

Commander, W. H. Kimball.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*Robert Patterson.

C. G. Wing.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. G. Hudson.  
 M. Brayman.  
 G. M. Chase.  
 H. C. Ransom.  
 J. Edwin Smith.  
 F. J. Dowland.

S. H. Gleason.  
 Pelig Ewing.  
 A. C. Hawley.  
 J. Shackelton.  
 H. B. Smith.

**SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.**

Commander, \*J. H. Powell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*W. J. Manly.

**FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.**

Commander, \*Chas. J. Pierce.

*Delegates.*

\*Herbert A. Backus.  
 \*Alex. S. McWilliams.  
 \*W. Niles Stevens.  
 \*John L. Wild.  
 \*Sam B. Dixon.  
 \*Chas. A. Bartlett.  
 \*John Moody.

*Alternates.*

Edward E. Thayer.  
 Chas. B. Andrews.  
 Omer D. Kingsley.  
 Harlan R. Strong.  
 Eugene Muffat.  
 Stephen S. Russell.  
 H. Altfeltis.

*Past Commanders.*

E. O. Durfee.  
 B. R. Finalson.  
 M. P. Thatcher.  
 W. P. Sumner.  
 Thos. Davy.  
 James Penton.  
 \*William Davey.  
 W. C. Claxton.  
 \*James Reid.  
 \*William Hart.  
 D. S. Kimball.  
 \*John T. Spillane.  
 H. B. Eggeman.  
 H. B. White.

John A. Lane.  
 \*W. F. Atkinson.  
 \*Geo. L. Holmes.  
 \*Daniel G. Crotty.  
 A. V. Phister.  
 J. B. Lachine.  
 S. Jasnowski.  
 \*C. K. Radcliff.  
 \*A. L. Sawyer.  
 A. C. Blair.  
 D. G. Genny.  
 Moses Green.  
 C. W. Yates.  
 \*M. C. Barney, P. C. of 145.

**MCPHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.**

Commander, F. D. Marvin.

*Delegates.*

L. K. Gibbs.  
 \*William Core.

*Alternates.*

\*R. G. Garner.  
 J. Schloser.

*Past Commanders.*

\*M. D. Morgan.  
 D. G. Shorter.  
 O. P. Carver.  
 Levi Soule.

C. S. Vader.  
 W. H. Eckler.  
 L. W. Lyon.  
 M. W. Sackett.

**A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.**

Commander, J. C. Todd.

*Delegates.*

D. R. Thomas.  
 Richard Hill.

*Alternates.*

M. H. Hagmire.  
 \*W. H. Ashley.

*Past Commanders.*

\*C. C. Phillips.

\*O. A. Reynolds.

**ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.**

Commander, A. P. Shaw.

*Delegate.*

W. A. Palmer.

*Alternate.*

H. H. Woods.

*Past Commanders.*

William Bennett.  
 Jesse Thomas.  
 F. S. Stowe.  
 Eber Hart.  
 Dan Pool.  
 \*Henry Spaulding.  
 John S. Heald.

Wm. Norton.  
 A. P. Shaw.  
 H. L. Stratton.  
 M. C. White.  
 Allen Olds.  
 R. G. Burlingame.  
 Howland Place.

**A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.**

Commander, Wallace A. Preston.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.**

Commander, I. N. Bachelor.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.**

Commander, J. T. Robinson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*J. E. Culver.

Stephen Martin.

*Past Commanders.*J. M. Edwards.  
Jas. McDowell.  
Frank Cooley.Stephen Martin.  
Geo. Wilson.**COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.**

Commander, C. W. Sadden.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*S. K. Freeman.

Charles Ford.

*Past Commanders.*L. V. Currey.  
Ernest Winters.  
James Ripley.Alvey H. Marsh.  
Vern C. Smith.  
William Butcher.**DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.**

Commander, George W. Dickerson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Robert Service.

I. W. Robertson.

*Past Commanders.*J. S. Wotring.  
Fred Bay.  
Amos Wilt.  
G. W. Wilt.  
G. W. Scott.  
G. W. Heckert.  
C. L. Blake.J. M. Robb.  
A. S. Beardsley.  
W. C. B. Smith.  
Robert Service.  
Wm. Emmons.  
C. T. Cheney.  
A. A. Barnes.**JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.**

Commander, B. F. Archer.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

S. D. Young.

Alex. Fletcher.

*Past Commanders.*

J. H. Slater.  
J. A. Collier.  
W. J. McRae.  
Casper Reichter.

Geo. Denison.  
R. M. Johnson.  
H. A. Waldean.

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**BURNSIDE POST NO. 27, DECATUR.**

Commander, G. W. Lusk.

*Delegate.*

Henry High.

*Alternate.*

B. F. Dine.

*Past Commanders.*

R. Colbetzor.  
H. B. Myers.  
L. D. Roberts.

W. H. White.  
C. W. Willison.

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**A. L. CARVER POST NO. 28, HEMLOCK.**

Commander, \*Calvin Sylvester, Merrill.

*Delegate.*

\*John Wendt.

*Alternate.*

Edwin Goodsell.

*Past Commanders.*

\*T. M. Champlin.  
A. T. Cooper.

Chas. Burnham.  
Jedd Bennett.

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**CHAMPLIN POST NO. 29, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Commander, E. F. Covell.

*Delegate.*

Wm. H. Stokes.

*Alternate.*

John Wheeler.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Eber Rice.  
J. C. Christenson.  
Hiram Madden.

Alvin D. Porter.  
Samuel White.

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**GARFIELD POST NO. 30, COLOMA.**

Commander, W. A. Baker.

*Delegate.*

C. Chapen.

*Alternate.*

P. O. Bowe.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Baker.  
A. Moelock.  
A. Newton.  
Geo. Garrett.

Jas. Brown.  
A. McCann.  
S. Clark.

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**BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.**

Commander John Reed.

*Delegate.*

A. J. Roundy.

*Alternate.*

J. C. Horning.

*Past Commanders.*

B. F. Heckert.  
Daniel Spicer.

J. F. Bullard.  
\*H. A. Chapin.

**FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.**

Commander, \*Edward Cunningham.

*Delegates.*

\*Wm. R. Wickham.  
\*Geo. Knowles.

*Alternates.*

Abraham Fero.  
M. B. Duffey.

*Past Commanders.*

\*A. W. Alvord.  
\*J. G. Bonnett.  
R. M. Billinger.  
\*J. J. Cornwell.  
\*Wm. Dowsett.  
\*S. S. French.  
A. Griswold.

S. M. Holton.  
G. W. Hodges.  
R. J. Kelley.  
\*A. B. Simpson.  
\*T. W. Taylor.  
E. Cunningham.  
\*William A. Vickery.

**COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.**

Commander, Wm. Onweller.

*Delegate.*

Joseph G. Rice.

*Alternate.*

John D. Hanna.

*Past Commanders.*

Vinson Smith.  
Jas. N. Chappell.  
Fred B. Shefferd.

R. R. Walker.  
Abram Babcock.

**W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.**

Commander, A. A. Blakeman.

*Delegate.*

H. J. Knowles.

*Alternate.*

J. J. Bice.

*Past Commanders.*

D. Y. Cook.  
\*O. Wise.

G. W. Taylor.  
J. D. Kelley.

**ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.**

Commander, Jas. Martin.

*Delegates.*

A. H. Cook.  
R. F. Dean.

*Alternates.*

K. W. Noyes.  
S. A. Spencer.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry Hodges.  
Sk. Jellison.  
J. S. Hicks.  
H. J. Dodge.  
W. S. Bradley.  
A. W. Earl.

G. O. Chapman.  
A. H. Cook.  
C. A. Butterfield.  
Thos. Biddle.  
J. S. Donahue.  
Geo. W. Mathews.

**GEORGE G. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.**

Commander, Henry Hess.

*Delegate.*

I. H. Mitchell.

*Alternate.*

S. L. Snavley.

*Past Commanders.*

B. H. Rutter.  
P. E. O'Brien.  
I. H. Mitchell.  
M. A. Hand.

J. H. Booth.  
S. L. Snavley.  
M. J. Nelson.  
\*J. K. P. McCullough.

**STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.**

Commander, John T. Pickard.

*Delegate.*

\*J. A. Kellogg.

*Alternate.*

Thos. Low.

*Past Commanders.*

H. H. Hines.  
H. V. Hallett.  
T. S. Finch.  
E. Pickell.

T. M. Smith.  
J. A. Kellogg.  
J. A. Crocker.  
F. M. Warner.

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**SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.**

Commander, \*Riley L. Jones.

*Delegate.*

\*Walter J. Cantwell.

*Alternate.*

Frank C. Crowell.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Wm. G. Gage.  
\*Samuel Kitchen.  
R. L. Jones.  
E. S. Pease.  
\*Wm. W. Morgan.  
W. H. Presser.  
\*Fay. Wyckoff.  
\*M. E. Keller.  
\*Robert Dederich.  
\*D. F. Leonard.  
\*Chas. H. Peters.  
Chas. H. Schnettler.  
\*Jas. T. Hale.

\*Harrison Coleman.  
\*Henry Flegé.  
\*Theron T. Hubbard.  
\*Peter J. Sansebaugh.  
\*Benj. A. Osborne.  
\*David K. Halsey.  
Chas. P. Colvin.  
\*D. W. Osborn.  
\*E. F. Guild.  
\*Orin Bishop.  
S. C. Post, 375.  
\*Hugh McLane.  
T. C. Post, 307.

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**KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.**

Commander, Mendell Wells.

*Delegate.*

Harrison Newton.

*Alternate.*

R. Schriver.

*Past Commanders.*

Roscoe D. Dix.  
Wm. H. Miller.

S. E. Hadlock.  
D. G. W. Ganzler.

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**A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.**

Commander, Giles B. Allen.

*Delegates.*

Geo. Gardner.  
Geo. Satler.

*Alternates.*

\*E. Dunning.  
Jasper Braden.

*Past Commanders.*

Giles B. Allen.  
D. B. Ainger.  
\*J. D. Butler.  
Wm. Jordan.  
S. W. Harmon.

\*T. J. Snow.  
L. A. Snell.  
Joseph Shaw.  
Wm. Beekman.

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**R. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.**

Commander, Geo. J. Crowell.

*Delegate.*

A. W. Chapman.

*Alternate.*

E. R. Doane.

*Past Commanders.*

T. E. Wood.  
J. A. Palmer.  
A. N. Morton.  
J. F. Hunington.  
\*E. L. Negus.

A. Slegler.  
E. Gorman.  
L. Relley.  
Wm. Yocum.  
Rush Green.

**CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.**

Commander, \*L. S. Russell.

*Delegates.*

John Oatley.  
\*Eugene S. Humphrey.  
\*Chas. T. Miller.  
\*Marion F. Buck.

*Alternates.*

\*John A. Wardwell.  
Geo. Fowler.  
S. L. B. Hunt.  
E. D. Allen.

*Past Commanders.*

R. J. Shank.  
A. E. Cowles.  
\*W. C. Nesen.  
\*I. N. Ashley.  
\*A. S. Boyce.  
J. H. Baker.  
W. W. Cook.  
Richard Dobson.  
\*Geo. J. Foster.  
Seymour Foster.

\*Fred. Schneider.  
\*Geo. W. Stone.  
\*Jas. M. Slocum.  
E. R. Havens.  
F. M. Howe.  
\*John A. Marvin.  
\*Lewis A. Miller.  
T. E. Potter  
\*W. L. Reed.  
\*A. S. Shattuck.

**SCOTT POST NO 43, BLISSFIELD.**

Commander, N. T. Stoner.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.**

Commander, John M. Howe.

*Delegate.*

Hiram G. Thornton.

*Alternate.*

Lorin Lamdert.

*Past Commanders.*

John W. H. Brooks.  
\*John Verity.  
John M. Howe.

\*J. F. Briggs.  
\*H. G. Thornton.  
\*Leonard Pawling.

**WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.**

Commander, \*William Jibb.

*Delegates.*

\*Howard M. Hopkins.  
\*Hope Welch.  
\*Rev. Horace Palmer.

*Alternates.*

Seymour Howell.  
Henry N. King.  
James R. Voseburg.



*Past Commanders.*

\*Geo. R. Cochran.  
 \*Benj. F. Graves.  
 William F. Bradley.  
 William Jibb.  
 Geo. W. Weslerman.  
 Samuel M. Hamilton.  
 Harman Camburn.  
 S. Edson Graves.

\*Willard Stearns.  
 \*Fred. J. Buck.  
 R. H. Baker.  
 John B. Allen.  
 Benj. F. Mattern.  
 \*Levi O. Salisbury.  
 Dayton B. Morgan.  
 George D. Austin.

**JACOB G. FRY POST NO. 46, GANGES.**

Commander, H. H. Goodrich.

*Delegate.*

G. T. Clapp.

*Alternate.*

W. H. Dunn.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Dunn.  
 D. L. Davis.  
 H. C. Dow.  
 Geo. Clapp.

J. P. Eddy.  
 Wm. Hess.  
 S. W. Eddy.  
 G. D. Deane.

**W. C. GILBERT POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.**

Commander, John Bilderbeck.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.**

Commander, Wm. H. Porter.

*Delegates.*

\*Dan Beardsley.  
 \*Oscar B. Driscoll.  
 \*Chas. H. Haskin.  
 \*Delos Ellis.

*Alternates.*

C. E. Noble.  
 Cornelius Seger.  
 Lewis Pelton.  
 Samuel Raven.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. S. White.  
 Thos. H. Williams.  
 \*A. D. Welling.  
 H. Door Blakeman.  
 \*Geo. N. Cottrell.  
 \*Albert Dunham.  
 S. B. Davis.  
 W. W. Hitchcock.

D. E. Haskins.  
 J. D. Jewell.  
 O. F. Kaywood.  
 M. S. Redfield.  
 \*J. L. Sample.  
 Wayne E. Morris.  
 \*Daniel J. Willson.

**WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.**

Commander, Charles Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**JOHN F. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.**

Commander, O. M. Innman.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**PHIL McKERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.**

Commander, H. C. Freeland.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

\*Hugh Blakesly.

W. J. Hyde.

*Past Commanders.*

W. J. Adams.

E. S. Baldwin.

T. M. Saraw.

Hugh Blakesly.

G. L. Barnaby.

**O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.**

Commander, Geo. Averill.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.**

Commander, Wm. B. Hamilton.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

Ezra F. Sibley.

David Curtis.

*Past Commanders.*

Peter B. Cade.

A. S. Hathaway.

L. J. Compton.

Wm. Hamlin.

Amos Finch.

Marion Bates.

Homer G. Sperry.

Frederick Klusendorf.

**C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.**

Commander, John S. Curtis.

*Delegates.*

*Alternates.*

Robert Foster.

James Kitson.

Mortimer Culver.

Levi Watson.

*Past Commanders.*

S. F. Murphy.

W. W. Warner.

E. W. Cady.

L. W. Bellinger.

L. F. Cady.

Wm. White.

E. W. Lousberry.

N. W. Houser.

J. W. Ely.

J. P. Main.

A. C. Estabrook.

Emerson Allen.

**THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.**

Commander, Ray T. Streeter.

*Delegates.*Warren Labarr.  
W. J. Herbert.*Alternates.*Geo. Scott.  
Isaac Long.*Past Commanders.*H. J. Kellogg.  
H. J. Ohls.  
J. B. Fortner.  
Peter Schall.  
Clarence Sommers.G. I. Nash.  
H. M. Nottingham.  
Levi Dennis.  
W. R. Snider.**G. W. ANDERSON POST NO. 58, DE WITT.**

Commander, T. W. Baldwin.

*Delegate.*

\*John Siple.

*Alternate.*

Allen Dryer.

*Past Commanders.*Allen Dryer.  
George W. Stimpson.Thomas W. Baldwin.  
H. E. Howell.**A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.**

Commander, Philemon Bush.

*Delegate.*

Oliver P. Ketcham.

*Alternate.*

Jacob S. Eastman.

*Past Commanders.*M. J. Blakeman.  
Philemon Bush.L. S. Lee.  
D. H. Smith.**DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.**

Commander, A. A. Lombard.

*Delegate.*

J. B. Christie.

*Alternate.*

W. D. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*L. C. Rice.  
J. B. Scovel.  
R. C. Bishop.H. Laberteaux.  
W. D. Longyear.**C. F. DOORE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.**

Commander, N. L. Parmeter.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. H. Smith.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*W. H. Smith.

\*L. W. Lyon, P. C. 375.

**JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.**

Commander, J. D. Jackson.

*Delegate.*

Samuel Smith.

*Alternate.*

Silas Church.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Miles Mulford.  
Daniel G. Dove.

James D. Jackson.  
Levi Bearss.

**G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.**

Commander, \*F. E. Hayes.

*Delegate.*

Thos. E. Connors.

*Alternate.*

Amos Lake.

*Past Commanders.*

L. B. Smith.  
\*B. F. Oakes.  
J. M. Walker.  
J. E. Hill.  
S. C. Williams.

F. C. Hayes.  
Theo. Hills.  
W. Chase.  
Wm. Younges.

**W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.**

Commander, S. T. King.

*Delegate.*

David Houser.

*Alternate.*

Samuel Sherry.

*Past Commanders.*

Luther Kinny.  
A. P. Beeman.  
\*L. H. Scott.  
I. S. Pound.  
Daniel Trattels.

H. H. Bowen.  
T. S. King.  
N. G. Stannard.  
A. D. Congdon

**STEVENS POST NO. 66, EAST JORDAN.**

Commander, Jonas Kocher.

*Delegate.*

Aldrech Townsend.

*Alternate.*

Ira Miles.

*Past Commanders.*

Jacob W. Rogers.  
Jones H. Kocher.  
Loran Madison.

Geo. J. Bowen.  
Wm. Jaquays.

**U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.**

Commander, \*Chas. Gosler.

*Delegate.*

\*Francis Leroy.

*Alternate.*

Jason Mandley.

*Past Commanders.*

\*James VanKleeck.  
H. C. Green.  
Soliman Willhelm.  
J. W. Snyder.  
\*Frank Berdan.  
J. P. Day.

\*M. J. Borland.  
E. L. Collins.  
\*O. F. Kellogg.  
\*P. F. Gibbons.  
\*L. McHugh.

**SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.**

Commander, Geo. W. Carroll.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Ohlinder.

*Alternate.*

Jeptha Wright.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. Barry.  
Nathan Adams.  
Hiram C. Morris.  
Philo Penfield.  
Wm. P. Shafer.

Lucas B. Wildey.  
J. D. Randall.  
F. A. Pitts.  
Wm. H. Reamer.  
Beer Pittenger.

**DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.**

Commander, Henry D. Northway.

*Delegates.*

\*Robert Clark.  
F. E. Butters.

*Alternates.*

O. A. Purchase.  
Simon Kent.

*Past Commanders.*

John W. Snell.  
True Hart.  
\*Geo. H. Richardson.  
Wm. L. Stearns.

\*Thos. B. Main.  
Alton P. Beardsley.  
Henry D. Northway.

**ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.**

Commander, \*Geo. A. B. Cook.

*Delegate.*

\* A. W. Snyder.

*Alternate.*

David Gemberling.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. H. Bumphrey.  
Jeff P. McKey.  
Russel R. Pealer.  
W. C. Porter.  
Addison A. Udell.

Samuel R. Burns.  
Stephen M. Snyder.  
James Bouton.  
Jas. L. Haines.  
\*Bishop E. Andrews.

**A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.**

Commander, A. A. Wilber.

*Delegate.*

D. W. Robinson.

*Alternate.*

H. Pierson.

*Past Commanders.*

E. S. Amedon.  
L. J. Twichell.  
H. L. Anthony.  
Daniel Berger.

E. B. Cooke.  
E. Zeigler.  
J. H. Whitmer.  
P. H. VanVleck.

**STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.**

Commander, F. E. Pickett.

*Delegate.*

Varsal P. Fales.

*Alternate.*

Isaac N. Hoyt.

*Past Commanders.*

Peter Ross.  
\*Varsal P. Fales.  
John H. Peck.  
S. S. Fox.  
Isaac N. Hoyt.

Jeremiah H. Sargent.  
David Knowles.  
James M. Potts.  
Albert W. Nash.  
John W. Moore.

**WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.**

Commander, Anthony Boet.

*Delegate.*

John Luekens.

*Alternate.*

John Strong.

*Past Commanders.*

C. E. Soule.  
Eugene Gardner.  
Orson Vanderhoef.  
Joseph Palmer.

Philander Palmer.  
Geo. A. Farr.  
Wm. Kefgen.  
Wm. Walters.

**JOSEPH R. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.**

Commander, Adam Lahr.

*Delegate.*

\*I. Sorter.

*Alternate.*

L. T. Navarre.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Spaulding.  
J. Collum.  
\*C. L. Peck.  
F. J. Caux.

F. B. Nelson.  
C. F. Gruner.  
Wm. Hagans.  
Wm. Height.

**FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.**

Commander, \*A. L. Crossman.

*Delegate.*

W. W. Raymond.

*Alternate.*

William Cooper.

*Past Commanders.*

Andrew Burr.  
C. F. Patrick.

O. L. Lathrop.

**ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.**

Commander, \*Geo. Clark.

*Delegates.*

W. C. Shook.  
\*Eli Strong.  
S. H. Darrow.

*Alternates.*

Chas. Forbes.  
Benj. Resh.  
George Stafford.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. M. Buck.  
John D. Sumner.  
W. F. Sherman.  
Wm. Shakespear.  
C. E. Foote.  
H. P. Shutt.  
Delevan Arnold.  
P. H. Burke.  
Geo. Clark.

F. P. Muhlenburg.  
E. S. Bissell.  
Chas. Prange.  
F. D. Root.  
Freeman Hall.  
G. E. Larned.  
James E. White.  
J. D. Turner.

**HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.**

Commander, Daniel Halstead.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**COL. JEFFERDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.**

Commander, A. R. Williams, Vermontville, R. F. D. 4.

*Delegate.*

S. B. Preston.

*Alternate.*

G. W. Perry.

*Past Commanders.*

Eli F. Evans.  
E. D. Williams.  
Wm. Boston.  
George Wellman.

W. S. Hecox.  
A. R. Williams.  
Alex. Brown.  
\*R. C. Smith.

**WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.**

Commander, E. W. Blanchard.

*Delegate.*

\*William Freese.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Underhill.

*Past Commanders.*

John Avery.  
A. J. Cole.  
L. W. Sprague.  
E. F. Grabill.  
C. O. Jenison.  
O. W. Green.

\*O. B. Green.  
O. N. Herriman.  
A. H. Bennett.  
E. W. Blanchard.  
H. M. Caukin.  
O. J. Cary.

**COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.**

Commander, Jas. M. Steele.

*Delegate.*

N. B. Groves.

*Alternate.*

William Lewis.

*Past Commanders.*

D. P. Beebe.  
Jas. M. Flagg.  
Jas. W. Mosher.  
James Harriott.  
John Lewis.  
W. J. Wilson.

Jas. F. Mowbrey.  
W. W. Whipple.  
Chas. H. DePuy.  
James Greacan.  
W. H. Bockes.

**CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 85, THREE OAKS.**

Commander, Chas. H. Davis.

*Delegate.*

Malory D. Bramhall.

*Alternate.*

Nathan Chilson.

*Past Commanders.*

Dwight Warren.  
Fred F. Sovereign.  
Isaiah Rynearson.

Wm. W. Smith.  
Chas. H. Davis.

**GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCERLONA.**

Commander, D. W. Lazell.

*Delegate.*

Albertis Symons.

*Alternate.*

T. J. Hazen.

*Past Commanders.*

W. B. Hudson.  
J. W. Wallace.  
D. W. Lazell.

David S. Davis.  
I. O. Lyons.

**JOSEPH WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.**

Commander, Benj. Morse.

*Delegate.*  
Jesse Frost.*Alternate.*  
James H. Andrews.*Past Commanders.*

Leonard H. Hunt.

S. P. Hicks.

**CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.**

Commander, Ira B. Buell.

*Delegate.*  
Thomas Knapp.*Alternate.*  
\*Henry Seymour.*Past Commanders.*L. L. Harsh.  
M. A. Merrifield.  
C. M. Hall.  
R. M. Simmons.  
J. M. Wheeler.  
J. M. Wells.M. E. Blair.  
O. N. Dennison.  
M. F. Buell.  
D. E. Young.  
D. W. Blackwell.**RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.**

Commander, \*John M. Caldwell.

*Delegate.*  
\*George Darling.*Alternate.*  
Spellman Loop.*Past Commanders.*\*James M. Greenfield.  
\*John Wheeler.  
\*Cyrus Phelps.  
S. H. Thomas.  
J. M. Caldwell.W. J. Ottaway.  
\*W. V. Banning.  
\*Albert Crosby.  
\*C. H. Adams.**J. N. PENNOYER POST NO. 90, SAGINAW, W. S.**

Commander, \*J. F. Brand.

*Delegate.*  
\*I. H. Leavenworth.*Alternate.*  
Henry Vance.*Past Commanders.*\*O. T. Mosier.  
\*A. T. Bliss.  
\*Fred Wellington.  
\*N. B. Kinsey.  
Albert Frank.  
\*C. P. Burdick.  
\*J. H. Wellington.\*J. P. Schwahn.  
\*N. L. Wood.  
G. K. Grout.  
\*J. G. McMillan.  
\*C. A. Bealman.  
\*O. Jewett.  
E. A. Stimpson of Post 169.**WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.**

Commander, H. E. Histed.

*Delegate.*  
J. J. Marlof.*Alternate.*  
\*George Wood.



*Past Commanders.*

A. B. Darragh.  
Chas. Crandell.  
Z. Sperry.  
L. B. Longwell.  
\*L. W. Beach.  
Chas. Morrow.

D. D. Cornell.  
H. W. Forney.  
\*J. N. Robinson.  
\*Peter Shook.  
Henry Davison.

**FRED TURRELL POST NO. 93, WEBBERVILLE.**

Commander, Chas. Turrell.

*Delegate.*

C. W. Turrell.

*Alternate.*

Hiram Rix.

*Past Commanders.*

A. A. Carr.  
S. S. Rhodes.  
Chester Barber.

Jacob Bower.  
Hiram Rix.  
C. W. Turrell.

**WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.**

Commander, \*F. M. Ried.

*Delegate.*

\*W. J. Vreeland.

*Alternate.*

S. D. Miller.

*Past Commanders.*

J. M. Van Riper.  
\*A. W. Wagon.  
W. B. Littlefield.  
J. R. Brown.

S. F. Smith.  
F. X. Fustel.  
B. Parish.

**CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.**

Commander, C. C. Parker.

*Delegate.*

H. F. Garman.

*Alternate.*

J. C. Kyle.

*Past Commanders.*

C. C. Parker.

H. F. Garman.

**JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.**

Commander, L. F. Corey.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. I. Hale.

*Alternate.*

John Morris.

*Past Commanders.*

M. A. Lafler.  
B. F. Corey.  
\*Wm. D. Lovell.

Peter A. Hale.  
Wm. B. C. Pitts

**WM. SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.**

Commander, \*E. V. W. Brockaw.

*Delegate.*

\*E. G. Spalding.

*Alternate.*

R. S. Mann.

*Past Commanders.*

E. S. Post.  
H. R. Mills.  
W. H. Brown.  
John W. Burns.  
H. W. Cooley.  
L. A. Sherman.  
J. D. Kenney.

G. B. Windover.  
E. S. Petit.  
C. W. Higgins.  
A. S. Welsher.  
\*Geo. W. Howe.  
\*S. H. Thomas.

**M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.**

Commander, F. A. Steadman.

*Delegate.*

C. W. Sadler.

*Alternate.*

N. B. Sherwood.

*Past Commanders.*

Ezra N. Thayer.  
L. H. Blancher.  
George W. Terry.

Charles W. Luny.  
B. H. Stevens.  
J. R. Dougherty.

**MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.**

Commander, \*F. L. Doty.

*Delegate.*

A. J. Brown.

*Alternate.*

Alfred Saleno.

*Past Commanders.*

Nathan Sutliff.  
\*Israel Sayles.  
\*John Barnes.  
Wm. H. Bensley.  
A. W. Russell.  
G. W. Todd.  
N. M. Bowen.

Wm. L. Phillpps.  
James Donaldson.  
Wm. Stahl.  
\*W. J. Clark.  
B. F. Smith.  
Thomas Crofford.  
\*J. B. Yarbough.

**ELI. P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.**

Commander, Richard Wiggins.

*Delegate.*

William R. Robson.

*Alternate.*

Charles E. Lockwood.

*Past Commanders.*

William L. Robson.  
Mathias Coad.  
Charles E. West.

Hamilton M. Bigelow.  
Richards Wiggins.  
Milo Vannetter.

**GEO. A. WINANS POST NO. 104, OVID.**

Commander, Wm. G. Hunter.

*Delegate.*

N. B. Goodfellow.

*Alternate.*

\*Wm. B. Parker.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. G. Hunter.  
Luther Stone.  
S. B. Southworth.  
Cyrus Sherman.

John A. Hubbell.  
H. D. Treat.  
Chas. Cowan.  
A. R. Doyme.

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## WORTH POST NO. 105, TEKONSHA.

Commander, Wm. Gribbens.

*Delegate.*

Charles M. Miller.

*Alternate.*

R. Elon Eldred.

*Past Commanders.*

Willard Whitney.  
William H. Davis.

William Gribbens.  
George Blashfield.

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## TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.

Commander, A. Shotwell.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commander.*

\*N. P. Bateman.

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## EARL HALBERT POST NO. 108, GRAND LEDGE.

Commander, Henry Newsom.

*Delegate.*

\*E. O. Russell.

*Alternate.*

Augustus Elliott.

*Past Commanders.*

J. S. Holmes.  
E. Wallace.  
D. G. Kennedy.  
H. L. Bigelow.

B. F. Sanborn.  
W. D. Southworth.  
Oliver Wright.  
\*E. J. Wells.

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## BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.

Commander, Chas. Thompson.

*Delegates.*

H. Sweet.  
W. A. Blye.  
S. M. Teachout.

*Alternates.*

G. W. Whitehead.  
P. Cavanaugh.  
Geo. Allen.

*Past Commanders.*

H. A. Reynolds.  
F. D. Newberry.  
Geo. H. Turner.  
A. Milnes.  
T. Eaton.  
B. K. Robins.  
H. H. Benson.

H. C. Simons.  
Thos. Osborn.  
Henry Firth.  
C. W. Bennett.  
B. F. Rolph.  
L. A. Dillingham.

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## DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.

Commander, J. K. Periman.

*Delegate.*

P. Cavanaugh.

*Alternate.*

B. F. Bush.

*Past Commanders.*

Fred Barkway.  
J. H. Dwyer.  
R. A. Beach.

C. H. Eastman.  
Edwin Camp.

**JAMES B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.**

Commander, \*Geo. Noble.

*Delegates.*

B. K. Crandall.  
Milo Thompson.  
\*Riley J. Norton.

*Alternates.*

Amos Topliff.  
\*John Thompson.  
J. A. Henderson.

*Past Commanders.*

\*H. J. Milbourn.  
\*George Norton.  
\*H. B. Olmstead.  
\*C. B. Fowler.  
L. A. Fowler.  
Eli Cook.  
\*Roswell West.

Joseph Rolf.  
James Umbarger.  
\*W. D. Brainard.  
\*J. J. Holmes.  
Alonzo Cheney.  
D. M. Beman.

**JOHN CRYDERMAN POST NO. 112, MULLIKEN.**

Commander, Pomroy Canfield.

*Delegate.*

Henry Spencer.

*Alternate.*

Henry Boyes.

*Past Commanders.*

M. W. Thompson.  
L. H. Wilcox.

L. D. Fisher.

**MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.**

Commander, David P. Ingles.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLerville.**

Commander, W. M. Horton.

*Delegate.*

\*Marvin Bergman.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

D. C. Carr.

\*Lewis Cogley.

**ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.**

Commander, Daniel Saunter.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.**

Commander, L. C. Kanouse.

*Delegate.*

\*J. Schweikert.

*Alternate.*

A. Sears, Google

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## *Past Commanders.*

E. D. Welck.  
M. D. Comstock.  
G. La Dau.  
A. Lewis.

Wm. Close.  
I. Gopp.  
H. L. Bishop.

## **H. H. NIMS POST NO. 118, LEXINGTON.**

Commander, M. J. Dowling.

### *Delegate.*

James Stewart.

### *Alternate.*

## *Past Commanders.*

Rudolph Papst.  
Oliver Yake.  
Lewis W. Brown.

Fred Keenes.  
M. A. Dowling.

## **BAXTER POST NO. 119, CHARLEVOIX.**

Commander, Jacob Steed.

### *Delegate.*

Morris J. Stockman.

### *Alternate.*

Lorenzo Porter.

## *Past Commanders.*

E. H. Green.  
Robert Miller.  
Harrison Beidau.  
Geo. W. Cook.

E. B. Hodge.  
W. H. Collins.  
T. J. Reed.

## **WADDELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.**

Commander, Marshall Borden.

### *Delegate.*

A. F. Peary.

### *Alternate.*

Charles Wilkinson.

## *Past Commanders.*

R. D. W. Woodworth.  
C. E. Snyder.  
\*M. W. Dickinson.  
Marshall Borden.  
H. W. Collins.  
E. D. Sargent.  
G. W. Axtell,

Geo. Barnes.  
Asa Parshall.  
R. E. Parshall.  
\*John McGivern.  
\*Calven Wilcox.  
\*Frank Jordan.

## **PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.**

Commander, \*Sylvus B. Vannocker.

### *Delegate.*

### *Alternate.*

J. W. Bennett.

## *Past Commanders.*

H. T. Weaver.  
N. R. Jersey.  
\*A. J. Wilson.

\*John Marshall.  
\*H. T. Weaver.

## **CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.**

Commander, C. C. Forney.

### *Delegate.*

E. Z. Guild.

### *Alternate.*

Wm. H. Wood.

*Past Commanders.*

John Hollabaugh.  
\*G. T. Converse.

C. C. Forney.  
John S. Perry.

**JOHN C. JOSS POST NO. 124, CONSTANTINE.**

Commander, Geo. W. Davis.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.***FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.**

Commander, Wright H. Garrison.

*Delegate.*

C. Moore.

*Alternate.*

B. Taylor.

*Past Commanders.*

Baker Shriner.  
Frank A. Standley.  
Han Marble.  
Geo. Ingram.  
Jos. C. Wardell.

F. H. Trask.  
Travis Phillips.  
H. Palmatier.  
Wm. Bean.

**DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.**

Commander, W. R. Olds.

*Delegate.*

W. H. Locke.

*Alternate.*

J. D. Monroe.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Frank R. Chase.  
B. F. Tower.  
C. M. Slayton.

J. W. Banker.  
J. H. Keeney.

**BILLY BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.**

Commander, Jas. A. Knickerbocker.

*Delegate.*

Henry Downs.

*Alternate.*

P. Eli Jones.

*Past Commanders.*

Robert Anderson.  
Thomas Anderson.  
Perry S. Percy.

J. Eli Jones.  
Dennis Wright, Jr.  
George A. Archer.

**AUSTIN BLAIR POST NO. 128, HAWKINS.**

Commander, Wm. Young.

*Delegate.*

A. D. Stimson.

*Alternate.*

A. T. Wightman.

*Past Commanders.*

W. A. Northrup.

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## R. G. HUTCHINSON POST NO. 129, FOWLER.

Commander, W. E. Hamilton.

### *Delegate.*

Christian Willyoung.

### *Alternate.*

J. Edwards.

### *Past Commanders.*

F. E. Stowe.  
W. J. Hammond.  
Jesse Evarts.

W. E. Hamilton.  
M. B. Drake.  
W. M. Youngs.

## J. T. BARRETT POST NO. 130, EDMORE.

Commander, H. W. Hewes.

### *Delegate.*

### *Alternate.*

\*Flixton Ludington.

### *Past Commander.*

\*Joseph Parine.

## HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.

Commander, E. Kemerling.

### *Delegate.*

John Insko.

### *Alternate.*

Frank Hurley.

### *Past Commanders.*

E. Kemerling.  
John L. Lytle.  
R. H. King.  
C. Clement.  
Wm. Boughton.

W. T. Renner.  
H. H. Ward.  
John Hall.  
E. P. Wellsley.  
W. H. H. Godfrey.

## JOHN MEGARRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.

Commander, Wm. Monor.

### *Delegate.*

\*Philo N. Chapel.

### *Alternate.*

Joseph Hazelton.

### *Past Commanders.*

E. M. Allen.  
Wallace Norwood.  
\*N. W. Holcombe.  
M. J. Whitney.  
H. Outwater.

V. Taylor.  
J. C. Blackston.  
J. W. Van Horn.  
H. C. Glines.

## SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.

Commander, J. H. Edwards.

### *Delegate.*

### *Alternate.*

### *Past Commanders.*

## FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.

Commander, J. C. C. Stephen.

### *Delegate.*

Geo. W. Clute.

### *Alternate.*

A. Herrick

*Past Commanders.*

J. C. C. Stephens.  
A. Herrick.  
E. F. Lamb.  
Wm. Barber.

\*W. O. Boughton.  
E. Bache.  
\*D. Douglas.  
\*M. W. Fairbanks.

**DAVID OAKS POST NO. 135, CENTERVILLE.**

Commander, Wm. Kirby.

*Delegate.*

Marden Sabin.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Kirby.

*Past Commanders.*

Alex Sharp.  
Marden Sabin.  
C. O. Gregory.

Alfred Akey.  
J. P. Taylor.

**BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.**

Commander, E. B. Porter.

*Delegate.*

Blin Dumas.

*Alternate.*

James Stevenson.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Bond.  
John Castle.  
John Howard.  
John Eckhoff.

H. E. Plant.  
A. G. Hayward.  
E. Barden.  
T. W. Dandy.

**WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.**

Commander, \*Robert S. Warren.

*Delegate.*

L. D. Grose.

*Alternate.*

\*John A. Cushing.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Henry S. Dean.  
Chas. M. Manly.  
W. H. Jackson.  
A. F. Martin.  
J. T. Jacobs.  
H. Soule.  
J. M. Perkins.  
\*J. Q. A. Sessions.  
Wm. K. Childs.

Herman Kraff.  
H. P. Danforth.  
F. Pistorius.  
Wm. A. Clark.  
Robert Campbell.  
H. J. Pearson.  
James B. Saunders.  
Silas P. Hill.  
N. P. Jacobs.

**R. M. JOHNSON POST NO. 138, FERRY.**

Commander, J. H. Critchet.

*Delegate.*

A. B. Decker.

*Alternate.*

Henry Dodge.

*Past Commanders.*

P. W. Parish.

T. P. Landon.

**HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.**

Commander, Frank White.

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Samuel Malcomson.

*Alternate.*

Frank Hasell.



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## *Past Commanders.*

J. J. Potter.  
C. B. Greeley.  
C. H. Davis.

N. M. Brakenwood.  
G. M. Demming.  
John N. Kelley.

## **BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.**

Commander, \*Miles E. Baldwin.

### *Delegates.*

Geo. J. Keyser.  
Delos S. Love.

### *Alternates.*

Patrick Blair.  
John Merlin.

## *Past Commanders.*

Elmer A. Wilson.

## **A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.**

Commander, John W. LaDue.

### *Delegate.*

### *Alternate.*

## *Past Commanders.*

L. Rossman.  
August Wilcox.  
C. M. Moon.  
C. S. Vining.

John W. LaRue.  
O. A. Adams.  
S. C. Towsey.

## **WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.**

Commander, \*Lyman C. Grady.

### *Delegate.*

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### *Alternate.*

Chas. Alexander.

## *Past Commanders.*

\*N. M. Richardson.  
D. M. Macomber.  
R. M. Ross.  
\*Alex. Reynick.  
J. H. Conner.

\*J. P. Westfall.  
Geo. W. Barlow.  
A. C. Spaulding.  
L. C. Grady.

## **TURRILL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.**

Commander, Francis McElroy.

### *Delegate.*

H. McGonegal.

### *Alternate.*

\*E. Westfall.

## *Past Commanders.*

L. M. Hinnman.  
G. W. Houghton.  
H. C. Rankin.  
Lewis O. Briant.  
C. V. Austin.  
O. S. Church.  
\*Wm. P. Grover.

Geo. B. Farquaharson.  
J. E. Mapes.  
\*Peter Bessette.  
Heman Dockham.  
Jacob Piper.  
\*Robert King.

## **GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.**

Commander, \*Frank E. Willett.

### *Delegates.*

\*Thomas A. Willett.  
M. P. Cook.  
\*Oscar Johnson.

### *Alternates.*

A. D. Luce.  
Wray Mitchell.  
Joseph Remington

*Past Commanders.*

\*John Algoe.  
\*Frank E. Willett.  
Geo. E. Newell.  
\*E. C. Marsh.  
\*O. F. Lockhead.  
John R. Benjamin.  
Charles Austin.

James H. Failing.  
\*Geo. Rabb.  
C. L. Bentley.  
\*John W. Begg.  
\*H. H. Bardwell, P. C. 134.  
\*Geo. W. Hilton.  
\*Joseph Rush.

**CAPT. WILSON POST NO. 146, WALDRON.**

Commander, W. B. Moore.

*Delegate.*  
H. C. Hicks.

*Alternate.*  
W. B. Moore.

*Past Commanders.*

W. B. Moore.  
C. H. Garsuch.

S. W. Yeagley.

**DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.**

Commander, Burdick J. Fuller.

*Delegate.*  
Willes G. Denton.

*Alternate.*  
William E. Sprague.

*Past Commanders.*

John Benjamin.  
\*Wm. H. Morgans.  
Burdick J. Fuller.  
William Charles.  
Leander D. Vankleek.

James W. Orr.  
Solomon S. Mathews.  
D. J. Hammond.  
\*David S. Howard.  
Hiram Daniels.

**DAHLGREEN POST NO. 149, HOLTON.**

Commander, H. W. Crawford.

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J. Q. Hoyt.

*Alternate.*  
Isaac Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

R. W. Skeels.  
J. A. Zerlaut.  
Ole Olson.  
J. T. Henry.  
S. L. Skeels.  
D. D. Church.

Oliver Lewis.  
Joseph Bernier.  
J. B. Ruggles.  
M. Thompson.  
A. F. Severe.

**RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.**

Commander, J. B. Northrop.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**HENRY RICE POST NO. 151, SEBEWA.**

Commander, Sam Bigham.

*Delegate.*  
Geo. E. Friend.

*Alternate.*  
O. W. Daniels.

*Past Commanders.*

J. M. Bradley.

**WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.**

Commander, Francis Hawley.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*Ezra Robinson.

Henry Wise.

*Past Commanders.*

\*John Greig.

V. M. Wilson.

E. N. Chadwick.

Lafayette Stevens.

John W. Holmes.

Henry Wise.

**HIEL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.**

Commander, Henry Pickney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***A. G. GALBRAITH POST NO. 154, DECKERVILLE.**

Commander, Lester M. Taylor.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Thomas Nichol.

*Past Commanders.***GREGG POST NO. 155, HOMER.**

Commander, Chas. D. Burt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.**

Commander, Myron A. Kniffen.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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\*Zeph Sexton.

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M. A. Kniffen.

Carlos Carrus.

D. S. French.

H. S. Hart.

S. B. Daboll.

W. E. Hamilton.

\*W. N. Stocker.

M. McDonald.

J. W. Bradner.

**ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.**

Commander, Norris Richardson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

H. E. Walker.

Dr. F. Goodwin.

*Past Commanders.*

Z. Aldrich.

M. A. Abbott.

**COLONEL ELY POST NO. 158, ELM HALL.**

Commander, Jas. Toy.

*Delegate.*

A. Wiser.

*Alternate.*

R. Schnapp.

*Past Commanders.*

Seneca Sly.  
C. M. Guild.  
\*J. W. Fullerton.  
Thos. J. Blair.  
\*A. N. Morton.

\*C. E. Prine.  
N. K. Strayer.  
Geo. Rockofellow.  
H. C. Romine.

**HILL POST NO. 159, MIDDLEVILLE.**

Commander, J. W. Gould.

*Delegate.*

Hamilton Corwith.

*Alternate.*

A. Tewksbury.

*Past Commanders.*

Joseph H. Gould.  
John Y. Johnson.  
William McConnell.

Dwight Johnson.  
A. A. Tewksbury.

**H. F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.**

Commander, \*Wm. E. Jacobs.

*Delegate.*

G. Anthony.

*Alternate.*

\*Daniel Munger.

*Past Commanders.*

L. H. Wilcox.  
\*Andrew Portse.  
Cad Pelton.  
J. J. Peacock.  
Philip Kline.

G. W. Mattoon.  
A. Adams.  
G. D. Moreau.  
\*J. C. Thomas.

**F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.**

Commander, John McCredie.

*Delegate.*

Carl Engel.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Julius Kreagie.

**EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.**

Commander, \*Chas. F. Fuller.

*Delegate.*

I. C. Norton.

*Alternate.*

Henry H. Brown.

*Past Commanders.***GEN. WOOL POST NO. 164, MORLEY.**

Commander, D. C. King.

*Delegate.*

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*Alternate.*

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B. D. Williamson.  
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Wm. A. Eddy.

F. E. Russell.  
C. O. Blossom.

**C. COLEGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.**

Commander, Chas. F. Walters.

*Delegates.*

\*C. J. Lane.  
Geo. Hamilton.

*Alternates.*

Wm. Hunt.  
Geo. F. Waltz.

*Past Commanders.*

David Walkinshaw.  
John Cuzzins.  
E. Marble.  
H. H. Miller.

H. A. Clute.  
Arthur Phillips.  
S. W. Thompson.

**MAJOR LUSK POST NO. 167, ELSIE.**

Commander, N. Lamb.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.**

Commander, Abner S. Fritz.

*Delegate.*

John Dago.

*Alternate.*

Louis Donner.

*Past Commanders.*

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A. S. Fritz.  
C. A. Hanneford.  
N. W. Herrington.

Wm. Bickle.  
Chester McIntyre.  
J. W. Dickerman.

**LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.**

Commander, Horace A. Crull.

*Delegates.*

Henry Gates.  
Flavel J. Smith.

*Alternates.*

David Smith.  
J. Cook.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. C. Rowan.  
Jas. Buckley.  
Alex. Worden.  
Ora E. Clark.  
Horace Pardee.  
L. A. Labadie.  
A. F. Ruch.

V. A. Baker.  
W. F. Lawton.  
E. A. Dunton.  
Thos. Keyes.  
Melvin Burch.  
Chas. B. Heinka.

**DECATUR BELDING POST NO. 172, NORTH STAR.**

Commander, Phil Gwinner.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**JULIUS T. BARRETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.**

Commander, C. A. Hamlin.

*Delegate.*

\*John McCuaig.

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S. S. White.

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Wm. A. Sweet.  
C. H. Morse.  
Alex. McCuaig.  
James T. Fillmore.  
Geo. W. Garner.  
Geo. D. Vordusen.

Delbert Meloy.  
D. Shelley.  
Geo. R. Gibbs.  
L. M. Lyon.  
E. M. Howell.

**E. R. STILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.**

Commander, Graham Pope.

*Delegate.*

Chas. Smith.

*Alternate.*

A. J. Scott.

*Past Commanders.*

A. J. Scott.  
Geo. Johnson.  
H. B. Rogers.

Wm. H. Mason.  
Amos Jachnig.  
\*J. N. Cox.

**C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.**

Commander, Emil Glaser.

*Delegate.*

Norman A. Eddy.

*Alternate.*

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*Past Commanders.*

A. H. Rolph.  
H. P. Young.  
John Powers.

L. Heminger.  
John G. Walker.  
Samuel Atkins.

**MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.**

Commander, Asa Morse.

*Delegate.*

William H. Logan.

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*Past Commanders.*

Thomas N. Stevens.  
James C. Percival.  
John C. Grooms.  
Charles H. Miner.  
Edwin D. Childs.  
Henry M. Hempstead.  
George E. Barber.

John F. Savage.  
Simon B. Cummins.  
Edwin Porter.  
Charles W. Blumberg.  
John Steele.  
Elymas W. Pratt.  
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**CHAS. S. TRAVERS POST NO. 177, CAPAC.**

Commander, Andrew Curry.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. C. Fairbrother.  
Wm. C. Huggett.  
C. Williams.

R. G. McNaught.  
B. J. Wade.  
A. A. Smith.

**TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.**

Commander, Daniel Fero.

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Wm. H. James.

*Alternate.*

D. A. Pond.

*Past Commanders.*D. A. Pond.  
C. D. Harris.George Shoop.  
Samuel Sage.**DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.**

Commander, Wm. H. Hallick.

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James Shanks.  
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Thos. Stoken.  
Mart Featherly.**CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.**

Commander, Frank Joslyn.

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\*I. H. Hodgkins.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*E. P. Allen.

\*J. T. Wise.

**HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.**

Commander, Geo. W. Sturdevant.

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Horace Wexford.

*Alternate.*

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*Past Commanders.*Walter Crawford.  
Andrew V. Austin.  
\*Joseph Allen.  
\*Alexander J. McCall.  
Lyman Cate.  
\*Judson Fielden.  
Alfred Soulbey.  
Rev. H. S. White.  
Willis L. Smith.\*John W. Stephens.  
Orrin D. Stephens.  
Andrew Muir.  
Robert F. Potts.  
H. Walter Nichols.  
Silas Bullard.  
Horace A. Rexford. P. P. C.  
of Corey Post 261.  
Spencer Lee.**HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 182, FREMONT.**

Commander, S. G. Allen.

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Thomas Smith.*Alternates.*John Williams.  
Geo. Mills.*Past Commanders.*C. R. Rathbone.  
Daniel Squires.

E. E. Giddings.

**J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.**

Commander, D. W. Thompson.

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Commander, Geo. W. Moore.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Samuel Smith.

Joseph Barber.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. Coleman.

George W. Moore.

Samuel Smith.

Isaac Fielder.

**HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.**

Commander, Jas. P. Allen.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

David Gibbs.

Elisha Bailey.

*Past Commanders.*

John Taggart.

Frank Hadley.

D. F. Rich.

Chas. Hamilton.

Lyman Carpenter.

Wells Knapp.

Henry Lilly.

**FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.**

Commander, W. O. Davis.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*Albert Robinson.

Isaac Oliver.

*Past Commanders.*

\*H. E. Nichols.

Gleason F. Perry.

L. L. Hoffman.

Clarence H. Crawford.

**GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.**

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Frank Bowls.

W. M. Trumbell.

*Past Commanders.*

G. S. Hemingway.

J. P. Sulter.

Geo. Thompson.

\*N. N. Greene.

W. Goodell.

Geo. A. Cramton.

**WALLACE BOWNS POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.**

Commander, \*Wm. H. Furgason.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*Benjamin Fisher.

John Smith.



*Past Commanders.*

\*Victor B. Rottler.  
 \*Wm. H. Douglas.  
 \*Allen R. Brown.  
 \*Richards M. Johnson.

Wm. Morse.  
 \*Milton Hadsail  
 \*John Cook.

**O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.**

Commander, Henry Huff.

*Delegate.*

R. D. Young.

*Alternate.*

John C. Jones.

*Past Commanders.*

George Stevens.  
 George Wing.

States A. McCoy.  
 D. M. Eveland.

**JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.**

Commander, \*Joseph Buffman.

*Delegate.*

\*John Shone.

*Alternate.*

Colvin Stafford.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Sargent.  
 \*Geo. VanVest.  
 \*Edward Eckles.

\*J. L. Curry.  
 \*W. H. Russell.

**L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.**

Commander, E. F. Newell.

*Delegate.*

Harvy Harper.

*Alternate.*

Chas. D. Hooper.

*Past Commanders.*

James H. Hall.  
 Melvin Hayes.  
 Geo. Beldin.  
 Chas. D. Hooper.

John Mahard.  
 Geo. Prentice.  
 Geo. Erwin.  
 I. S. Crago.

**JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.**

Commander, F. M. Jones.

*Delegate.*

\*William Moore.

*Alternate.*

J. R. Kipp.

*Past Commanders.*

J. R. Kipp.

Deloes Adams.

**JAMES STEEDMAN POST NO. 198, REED CITY.**

Commander, C. B. Williams.

*Delegate.*

\*S. P. Vanderhoef.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. D. Bratt.  
 D. J. Randall.  
 \*C. A. Randall.  
 Jerry Mann.

\*J. L. Oliver.  
 W. W. Corbett.  
 Daniel Donovan  
 Ransom Russell.

**PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.**

Commander, Geo. H. Post.

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Jacob Fahnestack.

*Alternate.*

Comrade Spicer.

*Past Commanders.*Clark Watson.  
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Walter Viles.John Baker.  
Frank Hawley.**JAMES F. MCGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.**

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*Alternate.*

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E. W. Muenschner.J. L. Mansau.  
J. F. Albro.  
Wm. F. Brain.**ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.**

Commander, \*O. S. Perry.

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Commander, E. B. Parks.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*A. G. Miller.

**L. B. QUACKINBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.**

Commander, \*Chas. Freeman.

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\*D. C. Cooper.*Alternate.*W. H. Halsted.  
John Wood.*Past Commanders.*\*Julius Frieseke.  
\*M. C. Dawes.  
Wm. Gulpe.  
D. F. Blair.  
Wm. H. Beatty.  
\*W. R. Smith.  
J. J. Mackey.\*O. F. Webster.  
\*Robert Gray.  
\*S. W. Sadler.  
\*C. L. Paris.  
\*John Q. Adams.  
A. B. Crane.  
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\*C. S. Smith.

*Alternate.*

John Rush.

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Arthur Watkins.

Roswell Leavitt.  
Silas York.  
Elijah Baker.

## **GEO. A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.**

Commander, Alonzo Goodenough.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

## *Past Commanders.*

## **ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.**

Commander, Robert Kelso.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

E. A. Cahoun.

Wm. Arch.

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E. Small.  
R. Kelso.  
J. B. Frost.

C. Dilling.  
C. J. Reynolds.  
T. D. Butler.

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Commander, John O. Banks.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

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C. E. Palmer.  
S. D. Wiley.  
W. M. Laden.  
H. F. Gilbert.  
\*C. T. Smith.

W. E. Bregette.  
Wm. Hastings.  
B. B. Bissell.  
I. O. Banks.  
J. H. Perine.

## **WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.**

Commander, Fred J. Hutchinson.

*Delegates.*

*Alternates.*

Benj. R. Covert.  
Samuel Kelley.  
Moses H. Amphlett.

Albert Gurnsey.  
J. L. Sweeney.  
Ed. W. Merritt.

## *Past Commanders.*

J. H. Kidd.  
Chas. Cornell.  
D. A. Jewell.  
M. M. Currier.  
J. L. Fowler.

Chas. Eyster.  
James H. Laden.  
M. L. Pike.  
\*O. H. Perry.

## **JAMES B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEVUE.**

Commander, J. A. Burchard.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

J. C. Cleveland.

A. Fruin.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Burchard.  
Henry Dilno.  
G. F. Anson.  
L. B. Cook.

S. W. Gibson.  
Geo. P. Stephens.  
R. B. Bishop.  
Alex. McKinzie.

**WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 214, MILLINGTON.**

Commander, \*Ira Sprague.

*Delegate.*

\*B. B. Reeam.

*Alternate.*

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*Past Commanders.*

\*Edward Kaine.  
Wm. I. Marks.  
\*John A. Case.  
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Wm. J. Haines.  
\*Samuel Atwood.

Irving Van Wagner.  
\*Elija Howard.  
Ruben Wilber.  
\*Alford Bingham.  
\*Wm. N. Storms.  
Sheldon Webster.

**JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.**

Commander, A. A. Holcomb.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.***H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**

Commander, Jas. A. Price.

*Delegate.*

James Wade.

*Alternate.*

A. R. Knight.

*Past Commanders.*

Judson S. Farrar.  
Louis A. Allor.  
M. L. Skillman.  
Wm. Jenney.  
Joseph Innman.

Samuel True.  
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August Steitzer.  
Rozell Widrig.  
Edwin Tharrett.

**MAURICE B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.**

Commander, J. W. Nicholson.

*Delegate.*

H. S. Sawyer.

*Alternate.*

Henry Culber.

*Past Commanders.*

A. Woodruff.  
J. Brewer.  
N. R. Menold.

A. A. Miner.  
G. Gundrew.

**HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.**

Commander, Wm. Cooley.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**BRADLEY POST NO. 221, HARRISON.**

Commander, H. W. Hughes.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*Andrew Murphy.

**HENRY C. BEEBE POST NO. 223, RICHMOND.**

Commander, A. M. Keeler.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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A. Van Brocklin.

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Culver Patterson.D. J. Lewis.  
Silas Withy.**RUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.**

Commander, Jas. Martin.

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Robert Braham.

George Brill.

*Past Commanders.*\*George P. Humphrey.  
C. S. Ramsey.  
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Phillip O'Brien.**GEORGE MARTIN POST NO. 227, EASTPORT.**

Commander, Jas. Arnold.

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Commander, John E. Irwin.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.**

Commander, Wm. Kiddle.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

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Daniel Lovejoy.

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Henry Manchester.  
Emulus Adam.  
\*William Baird.Isaac Colby.  
George Hornbusel.  
Ira Marks.

**EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.**

Commander, Walter Kensler.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.**

Commander, James W. Fenn.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*Geo. S. Farrar.

**OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.**

Commander, H. C. Mudge.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Joseph Nestle.

\*Orville Cowles.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Wm. Grunwell.

Newell Bowen.

D. M. Jenne.

Henry Maures.

H. C. Mudge.

\*Wm. Smith.

Elihu Ackerman.

**O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.**

Commander, Henry W. Browne.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*Chas. R. Proctor.

Marion F. Graham.

*Past Commanders.*

E. C. Read.

Henry Grove.

A. S. Harris.

H. W. Hitchcock.

A. Houston.

A. A. Moore.

J. A. Churchill.

H. W. Browne.

**WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE.**

Commander, \*John A. Newville.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

A. E. Martin.

Henry Sythoff.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Wm. Mears.

\*F. M. Gates.

John Jones.

**PETER A. WEBBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.**

Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*E. W. Pain.

Francis Knoor.

*Past Commanders.*

E. C. Watkins.

G. A. Sage.

C. F. Sears.

C. A. Haner.

A. L. Picket.

Jas. Eadie.

D. L. Reynolds.

**RANDALL POST NO. 238, COOPERSVILLE.**

Commander, Hiram Ames.

*Delegate.*

J. M. Parks.

*Alternate.*

W. R. Barrett.

*Past Commanders.***BYRON STODDARD POST NO. 239, CONCORD.**

Commander, J. W. Rowe.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.**

Commander, \*Delivan Smith.

*Delegate.*

D. S. Waldron.

*Alternate.*

Adelbert Taylor.

*Past Commanders.*

\*O. Palmer.

Wm. Woodburn.

W. S. Chalker.

A. C. Wilcox.

A. L. Pond.

**LEONARD MAUCH POST NO. 241, WOODLAND.**

Commander, Alson Hill.

*Delegate.*

Z. A. Cornell.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Vanawan.

*Past Commanders.*

D. B. Kilpatrick.

A. W. Dillenback.

J. H. Rogers.

J. H. Landis.

Joshua Dillenback.

Harrison Long.

Nathaniel Wheling.

J. M. Reiser.

**FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.**

Commander, Joel Lee.

*Delegate.*

Elias Foote.

*Alternate.*

B. F. Taylor.

*Past Commanders.*

B. F. Taylor.

Jas. Oldacre.

**FIGHTING DICK POST NO. 243, SPARTA.**

Commander, August Graun.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WACOSTA.**

Commander, Henry M. Burnes.

*Delegate.*

George W. Watson.

*Alternate.*

\*Nathan S. Wells.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. T. Andrus.  
Quincy L. Taylor.

Luther F. Conrad.

**WA-BU-NA POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.**

Commander, Samuel R. Morrison.

*Delegate.*

E. R. Coburn.

*Alternate.*

Albert Hance.

*Past Commanders.*

\*John A. Harris.  
E. S. Bowen.  
H. E. Deuell.

\*Warner Churchill.  
John Neebo.  
\*Joseph Brazee.

**J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.**

Commander, \*L. L. Church.

*Delegate.*

\*Hermon W. Perkins.

*Alternate.*

John H. Engels.

*Past Commanders.*

Orland J. Knapp.  
Geo. Doty.  
Jacob E. Reagon.  
C. Walling.  
Brigham Barns.

J. A. Dockeway.  
O. C. Ladue.  
Geo. W. Davis.  
Joseph N. Clark.

**LENSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.**

Commander, \*Fred C. Michael.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

\*A. L. Bryant.  
\*Eli Brooks.  
\*A. B. Markham.  
\*Geo. Pierce.

\*J. W. James.  
\*Geo. Richards.  
\*J. R. Perry.

**WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 258, ST. IGNACE.**

Commander, P. D. Bissell.

*Delegate.*

\*L. H. Vanantwerp.

*Alternate.*

A. J. Gennell.

*Past Commanders.*

Jessie Warren.  
W. H. Cushing.  
S. A. Snyder.

H. B. Cornell.  
P. D. Bissell.  
J. B. Tawlyn.

**A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.**

Commander, C. P. White.

*Delegate.*

Isaac Van Vleet.

*Alternate.*

Henry H. King.



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*Past Commanders.*

L. A. Howard.  
O. C. Chapman.  
W. R. Shepard.

F. W. Barber.  
E. A. Shattuck.  
Wm. Van Geesen.

**CORY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.**

Commander, A. W. Thompson.

*Delegate.*

Shep'd L. Howard.

*Alternate.*

Duffy Duquette.

*Past Commanders.*

D. L. Adams.  
\*R. C. Bird.  
\*P. C. Bird.  
A. S. Hill.  
\*S. R. Kingsley.  
L. Monroe.

C. H. Newkirk.  
J. M. Orr.  
Jos. Smith.  
Fred Walden.  
\*J. M. Orr.

**A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.**

Commander, \*Andrew J. Ward.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*D. B. K. Van Raalte.

\*P. H. McBride.

**GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.**

Commander, W. H. Claspill.

*Delegate.*

N. C. G. Ashley.

*Alternate.*

\*Joseph Cough.

*Past Commanders.*

Royal Stone.  
Geo. C. Crissey.  
Thos. Wooden.

\*J. G. Berry.  
Chas. Zickgraf.

**JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.**

Commander, O. M. Cory.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.**

Commander, A. W. Bill.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***MARK THOMPSON POST NO. 269, PLAINWELL.**

Commander, Arthur Hazlewood.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Charles Adams.  
O. Tomlinson.  
John B. Swan.  
Wm. D. Talbot.  
Lyman A. Reed.  
B. L. Kahler.

John Heath.  
Wm. Cox.  
A. Purdy.  
H. S. Stratton.  
John H. Madden.  
Chas. S. Mason.

**F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.**

Commander, Lewis Montry.

*Delegate.*

\*Sylvester Hall.

*Alternate.*

Joachim Theeck.

*Past Commanders.*

John Conrad.  
John Hills.  
\*Jeston R. Warner.

\*Euphratus Ross.  
Lewis Montry.

**BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.**

Commander, Chas. Henman.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**MAJOR FOX POST NO. 272, CHASE.**

Commander, M. F. Mosteller.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.**

Commander, \*Stephen H. Evans.

*Delegate.*

Franklin Vanschoick.

*Alternate.*

Nelson D. Baird.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Andrew D. Jackson.  
Wesley Robison.  
Daniel Case.

\*James E. Johnson.  
Amos Wisdom.

**LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.**

Commander, \*Jas. H. Bosworth.

*Delegate.*

\*Henry Remalie.

*Alternate.*

William Green.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Geo. W. Keyes.  
S. K. May.  
Geo. W. Sweet.  
George Galushe.

Chas. H. Willson.  
W. E. C. Wright.  
N. D. Lamphear.  
Lester B. Taggart.

**BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.**

Commander, William Grant.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***HENRY S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.**

Commander, \*E. T. Carrington.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*Geo. A. Allen.

\*H. A. Aplin.

**PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.**

Commander, Cyril P. Brown.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. Valmer.

E. J. Pruim.

M. L. Reed.

S. S. Rideout.

**AMOS E. STEEL POST NO. 280, NORTH MUSKEGON.**

Commander, Geo. R. Kinsman.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Joseph Wixson.

Samuel M. Croft.

*Past Commanders.*

Charles E. Storrs.

Bradon L. Andrews.

James Sovacool.

Joseph Avery.

Zoar H. Bates.

Thomas D. Horton.

**MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.**

Commander, \*J. M. Elder.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*F. Reinhart.

T. Brenningstoll.

*Past Commanders.*

\*H. J. Brenningstoll.

**SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.**

Commander, Wm. Edwins.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*W. Fay.

Frank Leonard.

*Past Commanders.*

E. W. Taylor.

L. M. Peck.

T. Leuk.

S. York.

C. Richards.

I. Eldred.

Geo. Richards.

F. Linhart.

A. Kreamer.

B. Peabody.

**HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.**

Commander, Samuel A. Comstock.

*Delegate.*

John F. Cartwright.

*Alternate.*

Josiah Langley.

*Past Commanders.*

L. S. McAllister.  
A. A. Elmore.  
Alex. Campbell.  
Wm. M. Knapp.  
Benjamin F. Sanford.  
John Cottrell.

C. B. Smith.  
M. H. Hewitt.  
L. G. Adams.  
A. A. Conger.  
James Cooley.

**COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.**

Commander, J. W. Loomis.

*Delegate.*

John Byers.

*Alternate.*

Harton Cole.

*Past Commanders.*

R. H. Jones.

**FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, FIFE LAKE.**

Commander, \*D. McAley.

*Delegate.*

Geo. Hart.

*Alternate.*

Albert Breed.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. E. Clark.  
A. M. Wansey.

Frank Tracy.

**B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 287, CHESHIRE.**

Commander, G. W. Lewis.

*Delegate.*

J. E. Richardson.

*Alternate.*

C. Lawrence.

*Past Commanders.*

R. C. Harmon.  
W. H. Stout.

S. S. Stout.  
W. G. Rowe.

**JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 288, LACOTA.**

Commander, D. A. Beebe.

*Delegate.*

Samuel Johnson.

*Alternate.*

George Bliss.

*Past Commanders.*

H. P. Gillespie.  
E. Deming.  
L. Dalrymple.

Z. W. Cody.  
S. B. Cook.

**HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 289, MACKINAC ISLAND.**

Commander, Edwin M. Coates.

*Delegate.*

George E. Rogers.

*Alternate.*

Daniel B. Mills.

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*Past Commanders.*

Wm. T. Treston.  
Benoni Lachance.  
Patrick Kerrigan.  
Theodore Rieths.  
Patrick McCormick.

Andrew Chapman.  
John McA. Webster.  
Wm. Marshall.  
Gregory Lambert.

## ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.

Commander, G. G. Jenkins.

*Delegates.*

\*Dr. A. Curtis.  
\*D. A. Moore.

*Alternates.*

M. Nicholas.  
J. C. Cole.

*Past Commanders.*

Machael Brown.  
F. O. Vandersline.  
David Burns.  
Geo. Davison.  
Washington Miller.

D. E. Sterns.  
A. Knapp.  
Geo. Gotchell.  
W. A. Whitney.

## E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.

Commander, Geo. W. Brown.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

## CHARLES BROWN POST NO. 296, ALASKA.

Commander, Elisha Parker.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

## SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.

Commander, J. L. Bradford.

*Delegate.*

Jacob Weaver.

*Alternate.*

Abram Poff.

*Past Commanders.*

L. C. Long.

Chas. W. Perry.

## ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.

Commander, A. O. Kruger.

*Delegate.*

\*P. C. Beanston.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. O. Kruger.  
\*E. C. Anthony.  
E. M. Watson.

John Dooley.  
C. D. Blanchard.  
R. R. French.

**ORRIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.**

Commander, John B. Morse.

*Delegate.*

Joe Pattengill.

*Alternate.*

D. S. Irwin.

*Past Commanders.*

D. S. Irwin.  
N. F. Cooper.  
A. A. Palmer.  
A. M. Green.  
Lyman Havens.

L. L. Hickox.  
E. R. Wilson.  
Mat Colley.  
Tom Moonnan.

**BURSON POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.**

Commander, \*John Gilchrist.

*Delegate.*

Frank Carlton.

*Alternate.*

Will Fanchbona.

*Past Commanders.*

Albert Cornell.  
Albert Wager.  
Jacob Bauer.

Will Snyder.  
Will Fauchbona.  
M. S. Burson.

**MILTON WILLIAMS POST NO. 304, CLIFFORD.**

Commander, D. Aseltien.

*Delegate.*

George Weaver.

*Alternate.*

\*George Erwin.

*Past Commanders.*

Y. Herendon.  
A. W. Cline.  
Geo. Erwin.

W. Eveland.  
\*H. Bradshaw.

**BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.**

Commander, S. G. Wheaton.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**D. D. DONNELLY POST NO. 307, SAGINAW.**

Commander, \*J. W. Budd.

*Delegate.*

\*Rolander Witz.

*Alternate.*

O. E. Wells.

*Past Commanders.*

\*E. B. Metcalf.  
\*John Still.  
\*E. S. Cooper.

\*John Moreau.  
\*V. D. Starr.  
\*John Turner.

**M. R. RODGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.**

Commander, Willard Harwood.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

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**WALTER ORR POST NO. 312, SCOTTS.**

Commander, C. S. T. Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.**

Commander, A. O. Clark.

*Delegate.*

A. O. Clark.

*Alternate.*

John Dagle.

*Past Commanders.***CHAS. E. WENDELL POST NO. 316, GRANT.**

Commander, Frank Jackson.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Downing.

*Alternate.*

Smith Fulkerson.

*Past Commanders.*

Fred Treiber.  
 C. L. Hurd.  
 Wm. H. Hall.  
 James George.

Amos Woodard.  
 John Rosewarn.  
 A. H. Judd.

**G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.**

Commander, L. G. Hunt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***A. M. HARMON POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.**

Commander, O. B. Moore.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.**

Commander, F. A. Blackman.

*Delegate.*

J. H. Freeman.

*Alternate.*

J. P. Hart.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Norwood.  
 Nelson H. Orr.

Mark Norris.

**GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.**

Commander, H. B. Yoxheimer.

*Delegate.*

D. C. Faxon.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Lanigar.

*Past Commanders.*

B. Ennis.

S. Curtis.

Wm. Malcom.

Adam Craver.

A. W. Soul.

Geo. Harris.

**WM. KIRBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.**

Commander, O. J. Sprague.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Sharpe.

*Alternate.*

B. F. Pease.

*Past Commanders.*

N. B. Bowker.

David Duncan.

N. Roof.

**WM. B. STEWART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.**

Commander, C. Pickell.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.**

Commander, Nelson O. Merritt.

*Delegate.*

Asa P. Goodwin.

*Alternate.*

Frank Milbourn.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. H. Lytle.

J. M. Henderson.

James Smalley.

Geo. Mauk.

**MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.**

Commander, Wm. R. Fuller.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**CHAS. SUMNER POST NO. 329, SUMNER.**

Commander, A. A. Thompson.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*



**COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.**

Commander, L. C. Rodman.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***C. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.**

Commander, Geo. O. Bixler.

*Delegate.*

L. L. Jones.

*Alternate.*

Henry A. Kinsey.

*Past Commanders.*J. W. Parker.  
Jackson Kanouse.  
Myron Aldrich.C. W. Spade.  
Samuel German.**ALBERT SPERRY POST NO. 337, RAVENNA.**

Commander, F. D. Hoogstraet.

*Delegate.*

Isiah Jackson.

*Alternate.*

John Gilbert.

*Past Commanders.*\*James E. Noble.  
Henry Hull.  
Henry Walker.  
Fred Plumhoof.Christian Lanbach.  
Albro Enos.  
Isaac R. Franks.  
John E. Hodges.**W. S. HANCOCK POST NO. 339, CLARE.**

Commander, Levi Montrey.

*Delegate.*

S. A. Sutherland.

*Alternate.*

Philo Smith.

*Past Commanders.*A. A. Shaver.  
Robert Malcom.

W. S. Cooley.

**MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, DAY.**

Commander, Abner R. Byrd.

*Delegate.*

Zachariah Pompy.

*Alternate.*

James Monroe.

*Past Commander.*

Bishop.

**DICK WHITEHEAD POST NO. 342, TWIN LAKE.**

Commander, Fred J. Clark.

*Delegate.*

A. H. Antwerp.

*Alternate.*

James F. Wooding.

*Past Commanders.*

George A. Stearns.  
George H. Buzzell.  
Fred P. Clark.

Geo. De Thompson.  
Chas. L. Buzzell.  
James Gardner.

**J. M. MARCELLUS POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.**

Commander, J. A. Trout.

*Delegate.*

James A. Trout.

*Alternate.*

Stephen O'Neil.

*Past Commander.*

Wm. P. Spaulding.

**JOHN W. PURDY, JR., POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.**

Commander, O. Hoard.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**BILLY CRUSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.**

Commander, Phillip P. Vanorman.

*Delegate.*

Clark B. Phelps.

*Alternate.*

Bradley Selleck.

*Past Commanders.*

J. W. Smith.  
\*Wm. H. Weed.  
\*Thos. Holton.  
Waldo Curtis.  
Chas. Wolverton.

\*Barney Swope.  
Jerome B. Halbert.  
Randolph Root.  
\*C. K. Fox.

**S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 348, SCOTTVILLE.**

Commander, J. N. Clark.

*Delegate.*

Moses Parker.

*Alternate.*

Louis La Fountaine.

*Past Commanders.*

Thos. Barnes.  
H. M. Ruttz.  
J. L. Townes.  
John Griswold.

N. I. Kinne.  
C. W. Aldrich.  
H. S. Jenks.  
James A. Mead.

**M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.**

Commander, Jas. Scutt.

*Delegate.*

\*Reubin Farnum.

*Alternate.*

Geo. C. Rice.

*Past Commanders.*

H. M. Johnson.  
\*Wellington Rasco.  
Geo. Godfrey.

Andrew Flynn.  
Wm. Sleight.  
Alanson Dickerson.

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## GEO. ALLEN POST NO. 351, COVERT.

Commander, T. B. Randell.

*Delegate.*

W. W. Buys.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Caton.

*Past Commanders.*Jacob Gunssul.  
Thos. P. Randell.Osmer Letson.  
G. W. Morgan.

## COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.

Commander, G. B. Sherwood.

*Delegate.*

H. H. Fellows.

*Alternate.*

Philanes Willard.

*Past Commanders.*James Keley.  
M. N. Hough.  
Geo. Nisle.  
S. S. Stringham.R. M. Teets.  
T. F. Rushton.  
G. H. Putnam.

## JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.

Commander, \*Caleb Richardson.

*Delegate.*

\*Chas. M. North.

*Alternate.*

Henry Barrows.

*Past Commanders.*Benj. S. Everts.  
John Howarth.  
\*Henry Barrows.Ira S. Jeffers.  
\*Theodore Burden.

## T. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.

Commander, \*Wm. J. Brown.

*Delegate.*

L. Mathews.

*Alternate.*

R. S. Brown.

*Past Commanders.*R. S. Brown.  
Theo. Burden.  
Wm. Gage.W. J. Williamson.  
\*C. F. Stearns.

## ROWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.

Commander, H. F. Yarrick.

*Delegate.*

A. E. Terwilliger.

*Alternate.*

D. H. Warren.

*Past Commanders.*D. H. Warren.  
D. B. Wisner.  
J. H. Bagley.  
S. Spencer.  
M. Townsend.J. C. Gambee.  
B. F. Rockwell.  
R. Taylor.  
W. Hinds.

**CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.**

Commander, \*Squire Johnson.

*Delegate.*

M. T. Cole.

*Alternate.*

P. O. Van Fleet.

*Past Commanders.*

\*W. H. Colvin.

\*J. B. Bailey.

\*John Patterson.

\*Frank Craig.

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**KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.**

Commander, J. M. Locke.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

E. W. Watkins.

Chas. Shelbert.

L. Zimmerman.

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**C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.**

Commander, Fred Hauley.

*Delegate.*

\*Calvin Rich.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

\*W. H. Saxton.

\*E. N. Carley.

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**CALDWELL POST NO. 365, LAKE CITY.**

Commander, Wm. Bartholomew.

*Delegate.*

B. F. Carpenter.

*Alternate.*

S. A. Gray.

*Past Commanders.*

\*M. D. Richardson.

Levi Klingensmith.

Samuel A. Phillips.

\*N. Shults.

B. F. McManus.

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**GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.**

Commander, Chauncey Anible.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

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**F. VEENFLIET POST NO. 368, REESE.**

Commander, \*Thos. Gulliver.

*Delegate.*

\*Daniel Weaver.

*Alternate.*

Wm. H. Lindsley.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Daniel Cole.

Eugene Shook.

Jas. Higgins.

**NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.**

Commander, J. H. Robinson.

*Delegate.*

Henry A. Madill.

*Alternate.*

Wm. H. Kelly.

*Past Commanders.*

C. W. Vanvalkensburg.

Ransom Simmons.

Enoch Robbins.

Wilson Haynes.

**W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.**

Commander, John Smith.

*Delegate.*

John Smith.

*Alternate.*

\*W. H. Gard.

*Past Commanders.*

E. J. Goodell.

Jas. E. Horton.

**A. H. FENN POST NO. 371, FENNVILLE.**

Commander, Robt. Rouse.

*Delegate.*

John Sherman.

*Alternate.*

W. H. McCormick.

*Past Commanders.*

John Sherman.

C. J. Holmes.

Robert Rouse.

Dan Reynolds.

C. J. Barry.

**E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.**

Commander, J. W. Van Deman.

*Delegate.*

Z. E. Clark.

*Alternate.*

E. M. Wellman.

*Past Commanders.*

L. P. Judson.

R. J. Reed.

J. Montgomery.

Wm. A. Joy.

E. D. Main.

J. C. Van Blaricom.

I. P. Covey.

W. H. Herbert.

D. W. Phelps.

**S. A. DOWNER POST NO. 374, PARMA.**

Commander, Chas. Adams.

*Delegate.*

F. W. Sedgwick.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Schwab.

*Past Commanders.*

J. P. Baker.

Frank Hoag.

Geo. Schwab.

O. A. Rogers.

W. A. Matson.

Frank Gorton.

H. C. Anderson.

**W. P. EVERITT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.**

Commander, H. L. Wood.

*Delegate.*

J. C. Vorhes.

*Alternate.*

L. L. Frank.

*Past Commanders.*

A. E. Collins.  
E. H. Dewey.  
A. O'Brien.  
J. R. Worthley.

J. J. Snook.  
J. W. Eastman.  
N. B. Taylor.

**HATHAWAY POST NO. 378, PEWAMO.**

Commander, J. P. Miller.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**CHAS. BRADFORD POST NO. 379, BANNISTER.**

Commander, W. H. Morrison.

*Delegate.*

Jacob Bishop.

*Alternate.*

H. Gillman.

*Past Commanders.*

R. R. Smith.  
W. H. Morrison.

John Riley.  
Edward Bensinger.

**JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.**

Commander, Geo. W. Dingman.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Betwee.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Campbell.

*Past Commanders.*

J. E. Carl.

Lawrence Lutenbacher.

**V. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.**

Commander, Christian Yager.

*Delegate.*

\*J. C. Clark.

*Alternate.*

John W. Norcott.

*Past Commanders.*

Martin Cox.  
Edwin Turmin.  
Anda Walters.  
John Davis.  
Thos. Leak.  
John Bishop.

Wm. Fink.  
Wallace Lovewell.  
Robert Musgrove.  
\*S. H. Mallery.  
Abel Bywater.

**C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.**

Commander, W. D. Stayman.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Oliver Carruthers.

G. V. Goucher.

**DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.**

Commander, \*Jacob Bristol.

*Delegates.*

\*A. S. Clark.  
A. E. Bigelow.  
Geo. A. Winslow.

*Alternates.*

\*Arthur Yeoman.  
James Rhines.  
James P. Scranton.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry M. Duffield.  
Wm. S. Green.  
Lewis H. Chamberlain.  
Thos. A. Wadsworth.  
L. N. Cass.  
Wm. T. Gage.  
\*F. C. Trowbridge.  
Marvin Preston.  
Chas. E. Foote.

\*Chas. G. Hampton.  
Sidney B. Dixon.  
Thos. S. McGraw.  
O. R. Looker.  
\*O. A. Janes.  
\*E. S. Jamison.  
A. W. Blaine.  
J. M. Andrews.  
G. F. Smith.

**GEN. CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.**

Commander, \*J. H. Wood.

*Delegate.*

Chas. Clark.

*Alternate.*

Sylvester Coon.

*Past Commanders.*

H. Glass.  
Wm. H. Ford.

S. Coon.  
L. M. T. Clark.

**WM. THURKETTLE POST NO. 388, ALLENDALE.**

Commander, C. S. Knapp.

*Delegate.*

H. L. Bement.

*Alternate.*

A. L. Porter.

*Past Commanders.***J. L. MIDDAGH POST NO. 390, ELMIRA.**

Commander, Geo. S. Crakes.

*Delegate.*

E. J. Harris.

*Alternate.*

Geo. S. Crakes.

*Past Commanders.***AINSWORTH POST NO. 392, RANSOM.**

Commander, G. W. Hile.

*Delegate.*

Edward Burt.

*Alternate.*

W. H. Parmer.

*Past Commanders.*

P. W. Humiston.

W. H. H. Pettit.

**MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.**

Commander, Joseph Doherty.

*Delegate.*

John Dennstadt.

*Alternate.*

W. Patterson.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Chas. Kaufman.  
G. W. Blanchard.

Henry Lorenzen.  
\*John Boylan.

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**A. P. EARL POST NO. 394, WEXFORD.**

Commander, J. J. Carl.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*Geo. B. Taylor.  
\*E. Bowerman.

\*I. S. Walling.

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**A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Commander, Geo. R. Phillips.

*Delegate.*

H. C. Palmer.

*Alternate.*

L. D. Wescott.

*Past Commanders.*

W. T. Johnson.  
D. Z. Cline.  
\*C. S. Wilson.  
\*J. M. Wood.  
C. M. Runyan.  
J. Whinnery.  
C. H. Fox.

J. R. Wyckoff.  
D. Delano.  
J. H. Bowers.  
J. S. French.  
C. A. Beebe.  
R. H. Lee.

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**GEO. WARD POST NO. 398, BRANT.**

Commander, \*Daniel Thompson.

*Delegate.*

\*Chas. Cogswell.

*Alternate.*

D. J. Webb.

*Past Commanders.*

\*W. De Clarence.  
\*Perry Crane.  
John Boone.  
\*Michael Cummings.

\*Geo. Winberg.  
Alva Nichols.  
\*N. B. Richardson.  
\*Willis Dibble.

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**WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.**

Commander, Wm. B. Green.

*Delegate.*

E. F. Rodgers.

*Alternate.*

John Thomas.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. H. Porter.  
I. Comstock.

John Thomas.  
John Scott.



**BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.**

Commander, \*John Paul.

*Delegate.*

L. L. Davis.

*Alternate.*

John Rothermel.

*Past Commanders.*

John Graham.  
E. G. Mathews.  
E. A. Dickey.  
\*Geo. J. Dart.

J. B. Goings.  
J. E. Evens.  
John Rothermel.  
Wm. Gardner.

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**J. AND A. RYDER POST NO. 404, LIVONIA.**

Commander, \*C. G. Brown.

*Delegate.*

James King.

*Alternate.*

Wm. D. Toles.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. Westfall.  
E. J. Norris.  
H. D. Bassett.

Geo. C. Beterhans.  
E. C. Bassett.

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**CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 405, PERRINTON.**

Commander, R. S. Cushman.

*Delegate.*

G. W. Groom.

*Alternate.*

Geo. McKinney.

*Past Commanders.*

T. B. Musser.

**M. W. CHAPIN POST NO. 407, AUBURN.**

Commander, \*Eugene Hill.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*J. C. Rowden.

**INNES POST NO. 408, SOLDIERS' HOME.**

Commander, D. C. Alcumbach.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. L. Crosby.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Davenport.

*Past Commanders.*

H. H. Leffingwell.  
\*G. H. Sherman.

E. P. Everett.

**GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.**

Commander, Jared Downer.

*Delegate.*

W. J. Bennett.

*Alternate.*

\*James Taylor.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Henry Adams.  
\*Chas. E. Murray.

\*O. B. Randall.  
\*Ruel Hawley.

**WM. GOODMAN POST NO. 412, BURNIPS CORNERS.**

Commander, A. Walker.

*Delegate.*

\*Nicklas Matson.

*Alternate.*

John Smith.

*Past Commanders.*Chas. Sebright.  
Jessie Merick.G. W. Smith.  
A. Walker.**A. W. BRINDLE POST NO. 413, WYANDOTTE.**

Commander, W. W. Bishop.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***ROBERT IRWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.**

Commander, Frank Inglish.

*Delegate.*

Geo. E. Conant.

*Alternate.*

John Worden.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. H. Stacey.

**R. J. WADE POST NO. 417, HARBOR BEACH.**

Commander, Wm. McMillen.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***H. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.**

Commander, \*Israel Youngs.

*Delegate.*

\*H. B. Landon.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Barrett.

*Past Commanders.*\*M. M. Andrews.  
Orrin Bump.  
\*Geo. W. Butterfield.  
A. J. Cooke.  
Geo. B. Cobb.G. H. Granger.  
J. W. Knaggs.  
H. E. Meeker.  
\*L. G. Willcox.**WM. H. DUNPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.**

Commander, Chas. Montney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**STEPHEN POST NO. 425, FREELAND.**

Commander, Peter Doran.

*Delegate.*

E. Y. Aldan.

*Alternate.*

Epram Braleg.

*Past Commanders.*J. W. Haverland.  
Jeferson Chapman.J. B. Alexander.  
\*Henry Manwell.**P. O. CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.**

Commander, J. W. Burbank.

*Delegate.*

Samuel Bassett.

*Alternate.*

John L. Buell.

*Past Commanders.***JOHN RITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.**

Commander, \*Thos. Boodger.

*Delegate.*

\*John Davis.

*Alternate.*

W. W. Webster.

*Past Commanders.*\*Jessie Van Sickel.  
\*John Jackson.\*Sidney Carlton.  
\*Joseph Phillips.**A. L. PATRICK POST NO. 431, WAYNE.**

Commander, Alex. F. Smith.

*Delegate.*

Geo. F. Smith.

*Alternate.*

Fred Post.

*Past Commanders.*L. S. Gunn.  
C. Simons.

James Osman.

**MARINE CITY POST NO. 432, MARINE CITY.**

Commander, W. H. Scott.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*C. F. Farmer.

**O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.**

Commander, Jas. Mc. C. Miller.

*Delegate.*

\*S. A. Worley.

*Alternate.*

J. D. Burke.

*Past Commanders.*E. H. Davis.  
\*John Devlin.  
John Gill.  
Chas. F. Jones.John McCurdy.  
Wm. N. Siggins.  
H. F. Sirrine.

**McCOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDES.**

Commander, M. J. Christian.

*Delegate.*

Geo. Carpenter.

*Alternate.*

Albert Bush.

*Past Commanders.*

Myron L. Dean.

Louis Perkins.

**CHAS. MARTIN POST NO. 436, MARTINSVILLE.**

Commander, Chandler Britton.

*Delegate.*

David McConnell.

*Alternate.*

Edward Spence.

*Past Commander.*

Reubin Merrell.

**FRANK A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.**

Commander, John A. Cox.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LATHROP.**

Commander, \*John Northwood.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. Douglas.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Jacobs.

*Past Commanders.*

\*S. D. Wilson.

\*Nelson Cowper.

\*Batus Snyder.

\*John Spears.

\*Will Hubbell.

**SPENCER POST NO. 439, FOSTORIA.**

Commander, Josiah Tompkins.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.**

Commander, H. O. Hall.

*Delegate.*

\*Frank Lester.

*Alternate.*

J. B. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Sherwood.

H. O. Call.

\*W. W. Root.

J. G. Snook.

\*L. H. Ives.

\*N. Templar.

\*Theo. Bortle.

# TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## GEO. R. MUIR POST NO. 442, ROSE CITY.

Commander, Jas. Smith.

*Delegate.*

L. F. Billman.

*Alternate.*

Hirems Brooks.

*Past Commander.*

\*W. A. Bates.

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## WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.

Commander, D. E. Cook.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

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## R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWAN.

Commander, \*C. A. Peasley.

*Delegate.*

\*I. F. Dodge.

*Alternate.*

W. H. Allen.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Allen.

Eli Bowen.

Geo. S. McClellen.

Daniel Banesteel.

Ed. Bradshaw.

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## J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 448, EDWARDSBURG.

Commander, \*B. F. Thompson.

*Delegate.*

B. F. Thompson.

*Alternate.*

G. W. Williams.

*Past Commanders.*

W. W. Sweetland.

John Jones.

Avon Dever.

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## P. M. ANGUS POST NO. 450, STANDISH.

Commander, D. C. Hallock.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

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## GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY

Commander, J. L. Dearn.

*Delegate.*

Thos. A. Ball.

*Alternate.*

Irwin S. Miner.

*Past Commanders.*

\*J. H. Andrews.

\*G. H. Gilbert.

\*"Ren" Barker.

\*Nathaniel Clark.

\*Isaac Grant.

Livingston Hall.

\*Aretas Corwin.

\*Anthony Wise.

Homer Spencer.

J. H. Freeland.

D. J. Zoo.

**H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.**

Commander, A. M. Alberts.

*Delegate.*

Conrad Schulz.

*Alternate.*

H. M. Slick.

*Past Commanders.*

A. J. Teall.

Philander Karr.

Geo. F. Harmon.

**H. C. PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.**

Commander, W. C. Lockwood.

*Delegate.*

John Cunningham.

*Alternate.*

Alex. Roberts.

*Past Commanders.*

\*W. B. Nedsey.

G. E. Parker.

W. C. Lockwood.

A. B. Sloan.

\*J. B. Hickie.

**J. A. SEXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.**

Commander, D. W. Morrison.

*Delegate.*

Edward Skinner.

*Alternate.*

D. S. Ferguson.

*Past Commanders.*

W. Morhman.

A. J. Drake.

D. C. Morrison.

H. F. Blakely.

D. H. Easton.

J. Eastman.

**JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.**

Commander, \*J. E. Barnes.

*Delegate.*

Wm. C. Bush.

*Alternate.*

\*I. H. Person.

*Past Commander.*

\*David Cross.

**STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYONS.**

Commander, L. A. Sayles.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**ROBERT BELL POST NO. 459, OTTER LAKE.**

Commander, Willard Clemont.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.**

Commander, C. Whitney.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***GEO. BOYD POST NO. 461, SELMA.**

Commander, R. C. Norris.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*Geo. W. Wheeler.

James Mansfield.

*Past Commanders.*

J. H. Wheeler.

Amos Merrill.

The Senior Vice Department Commander, M. D. Morgan, assumed the chair and the Department Commander read his address, which was as follows:

**COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.**

Comrades, you want to have your nerve with you because I have a long address.

I want to say that unforeseen matters came along after I received the gavel a year ago. I had the intention of seeing more comrades at their homes than I have been able to do, on account of sickness in my family, which I could not avoid, and hope that you will all excuse this seeming neglect, as nobody regrets it more than I do myself.

Comrades—One year ago, while enjoying the beauties of Traverse City and sharing the good cheer and hospitality provided by our kind entertainers, we heartily endorsed the eulogies given that progressive young city and its generous citizens, and almost feared that we had exhausted the ability of Michigan to furnish another place of entertainment equally satisfactory. But very soon we were convinced that the resources of our State are indeed great and inexhaustible, when Saginaw opened wide her hospitable doors to receive us, with a cordial invitation to the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., to hold the twenty-eighth Encampment in the "Sawdust" City, whose resources are so many and varied, and whose recent discoveries of coal bids fair to change even its name from "Sawdust" to "Coaldust."

We have come in response to the "Assembly" to transact the business of this Department and consider the interests of our cherished organization. I trust that in our deliberations we shall be guided by the sentiments of our motto—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

It was with many misgivings as to my fitness to fill the important position to which you called me that I assumed the duties of Com-

mander of this great Department; and while mistakes have doubtless been made, and I have not accomplished all I desired, by the generous aid and counsel of my predecessors in office, and the loyal support of my comrades, I have striven to be faithful to the trust committed to me. I cannot boast of an increased membership, or come with the exultant spirit of many of my predecessors, pointing you to a gain of thousands during the past year, for the "flood-tide" began to ebb in 1892. Some years indeed, slight gains have checked for a brief space the thinning of our ranks; but no human power can stay the receding tide, or fill again the places of our veterans whom the "Great Commander" has mustered out of service into the "Silent Camp" of Death. During the past year the "Pallid Hand" has beckoned away my predecessor, Past Commander George H. Hopkins, and many of our faithful comrades whose familiar faces we sadly miss in our midst today.

## MEMBERSHIP.

How great this loss of membership has been is shown by the following statistical report:

Membership in good standing December 31, 1904.....	12,282
Membership in good standing December 31, 1905.....	11,566
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Loss for the year .....	716
Number of Posts December 31, 1904.....	346
Number of Posts December 31, 1905.....	340
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Loss in number of Posts.....	6

The suspended list is still large, and the heaviest losses are found in this list. It cannot be that so many are unable to pay their dues. I fear it is a matter of growing indifference on the part of many comrades. It has been successfully demonstrated that by earnest effort nearly all on this list could be reinstated.

From reliable estimates, there are among the surviving veterans of the great Rebellion living in our State, *two* who have never joined our order, to *one* who has become a comrade of the G. A. R. In view of this fact I would advise that, while we endeavor to call back the *suspended* wanderers, we strive to enlist new recruits for our thinning ranks from these brothers, who with us, wore the "Blue in the Sixties."

For a full report of membership, I refer you to report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

## FINANCE.

This year has been no exception to the previous years in the decreasing income from the per capita tax which is our chief source of revenue from which to defray the expenses of the Department. The report at our last Encampment showed:

Cash receipts during year ending June 14, 1905..... \$2,977 97



Report for this year shows that we have received the following amounts:

From per capita tax.....	\$2,338 00
Sale of supplies .....	236 40
Other sources .....	38 00
Interest on Alger and general fund .....	104 00
Total.....	<u>\$2,716 40</u>
Disbursements have been .....	2,848 92

By this statement it will be seen that our revenues have failed to meet our expenses by \$132.52.

At the Encampment at Traverse City, last year, several items of expense were cut, notably the expense of members attending the meetings of Executive Committee, and member of the Council of Administration. It is evident that we must still further retrench or must use from our surplus to meet the expenses of the Department. The Quartermaster's report will give in full the disbursements and an itemized account will appear in Journal of Encampment. A word, however, as to one or two items of expense which, it seems to me, should be charged to the previous administration. I refer to the "Stephenson Memorial Fund." At the National Encampment at Boston, this Department was pledged for \$200 for this fund. An effort was made to raise the amount by appeal to the Posts—thirty-six posts responded with a donation of \$52.45 and the ladies of the G. A. R. sent in \$13.50, making a total of \$65.95. The balance, \$134.05, was, by vote of the last Encampment, taken from the general fund and appears as an expense of this year. I mention this as explanatory of a seeming increase of expense.

#### SALARY OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

I wish at this time to call the attention of the Department to the faithful services of our efficient Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, and to thank him, personally, for the unfailing kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office, and speak of the demands made upon his time and strength outside of office work, and the pleasure and benefits conferred by him in accepting invitations to attend "Campfires" and the good accomplished by visiting and looking after the interests of weak and discouraged Posts. I would, therefore, recommend that the salary of our Adjutant be fixed at \$900 per annum, and that he receive, in addition, actual expenses for services rendered outside the routine of office work.

#### ALGER FUND.

This fund remains the same as reported last year, viz., \$1,000. The interest on this sum is now turned into the general fund by order of the Department at its Encampment in Battle Creek.

## SOLDIERS' HOME.

I have visited the Veterans' Home several times during the year, and am pleased to report that, under the able management of the Board of Control, composed entirely of comrades of the Grand Army, and its Commandant, Geo. H. Turner, the comrades who have availed themselves of the comforts and privileges of this home, are receiving every possible attention. The new hospital now nearing completion will relieve the crowded condition and furnish additional room for 300 comrades. Your Committee to visit the Home have performed their duty, and their report will show in detail the work being done.

## INSPECTION.

Upon assuming the duties of my office, my attention was called to the inspection of Posts, a work which many of the Posts deem important. The action of the National Department made it optional with each Department Commander to issue such an order or not. After receiving several requests for necessary blanks, I decided to order a general inspection. The results of this inspection will be fully shown in the inspection report. I recommend that this Department give definite instructions concerning future work along this line.

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

By action of the last National Encampment, the work of this Department became a definite and fixed duty. In compliance with the new rules and regulations, Comrade W. S. Sly, of Post 42, was appointed Department Patriotic Instructor, and the Posts of the Department were asked to suggest names of comrades for appointment for Post Patriotic Instructors. About 250 Posts have complied with this request, and the work is practically set in order. For several years very satisfactory results have followed the awarding of prizes for best essays on patriotic themes by pupils in our public schools, and I recommend that the work be continued, and also that the expense necessary for carrying on the work under new rules and regulations be cheerfully met by the Department.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

The deep interest shown by our citizens in the appropriate observance of "Memorial Day" is very gratifying to all surviving comrades. Not only has its beautiful and impressive service been the means of promoting patriotism and showing our gratitude to our country's defenders, but has also created a desire to care for our cemeteries, and beautify the resting places of our dead. Let us strive to keep this day sacred to the purpose for which it was set apart, by exerting our influence against its use as a holiday for secular amusements, or anything not in accord with the proper observance of the day. May the associations of this day be cherished by coming generations, and we who survive hold its memories precious as the fragrance of the flowers with which we cover the last resting places of our beloved comrades, until we, too, lie down and other hands perform the same loving service above our "flow'ry grave, that shall contain no more, but only be a sign."

## OUR AUXILIARIES.

The Woman's Relief Corp, Ladies of the Grand Army Republic, and Daughters of Veterans have become indispensable to the welfare of most of the Posts and their record for good works doth follow them. In only one instance has the sacred harmony between Post and Corps been disturbed, and it is hoped that these differences may be amicably adjusted. I desire to express my appreciation of their noble work, and interest in their future prosperity.

## SONS OF VETERANS.

These boys of ours have willing hearts and hands and are anxious to share our burdens, and are waiting "Micowber-like" for something to turn up. Let us study the question and seek to establish a basis for co-operative activity. This association has under its immediate fostering care the "Memorial University" of Mason City, Iowa. As the object of this school is to give special instruction along patriotic lines, should not we who believe in "country—first, last and all the time" give it our consideration and hearty support? A free scholarship is open to a son or daughter of some veteran in this Department.

## LEGISLATION.

This being the "off-year" with no session of the legislature, nothing farther has been enacted for the benefit of the comrades. In the minds of some of our legislators there seems to be a desire to get rid of the old defenders of the flag—to relegate them to "back seats." We have, however, among our numbers, advocates of the rights of old soldiers, whose voice and words have no uncertain sound, who stand as champions of these rights and a Nation's obligations to its defenders. Among the foremost of these is Corporal Tanner, our honored Commander-in-Chief. Let us never forget the powerful plea in our behalf in his letter to Hon. James A. Towney, chairman of Committee on Appropriations in "House of Representatives," calling attention to a section of the appropriation bill relative to age limitation. Our own State legislators are not above criticism in the matter of setting aside the old veterans. Forty-two years ago nothing was too good for the Union soldier. We were promised preference for offices in the gift of the government. How is it now? Comrades, here is a matter for serious thought.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The thirty-ninth National Encampment held in the City of Denver was like its predecessors, the "best and most enthusiastic in the history of our order." Michigan Department was well represented at this meeting, and I was much pleased with its appearance in the grand parade. I wish, at this point, to personally thank the Past Department Commanders, members of my staff and comrades who were present, for their assistance in making our part in this parade a success. The arrangements for the headquarters' train were very satisfactory and every courtesy shown us.

In connection with matter of transportation, I recommend "that the

Committee on Transportation be discontinued," and their duty be performed by the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration. My reasons are that the Council of Administration is an elective body, and that the Commander is confronted by not less than fifty applications for three places and naturally he has thus to make forty-seven enemies.

Important amendments to rules and regulations were passed at Denver and new editions have since been issued, which, I trust, each Post will study. I wish to call attention to a few of the more important ones.

First—Creating the office of National Patriotic Instructor.

Second—Admission of comrades from other Posts. Sec. 1, Art. 111, Chap. V.

Third.—Arrearages. Sec. 4, Art. III, Chap. V.

Fourth—Sec. 1, Art. 2, Chap. IV, is amended so that the ratio of representation from Department to National Encampments is one representative for each five hundred members, or major fraction thereof.

Fifth—Memorial Day, striking out so much of the footnote of Art. 14, Chap. V, so that it is no longer obligatory that flags shall be placed at half-staff on that day.

Sixth—Inserting an additional article, to be known as Art. 15, Chap. V. establishing and recognizing the fourteenth day of June as "Flag Day."

A pleasant surprise was given the comrades by the presentation to the Encampment of 25,000 bronze medals to commemorate the 39th National Encampment held at Denver, September, 1905, with the inscription, "In honor of the brave men who victoriously defended the Union on land and sea during the War of the Rebellion." These medals were the gift of Hon. Zalmon G. Simmons, the "Soldiers' Friend," of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Three hundred and eighty of these medals were allotted to this Department to be distributed to the comrades in attendance at the Encampment. They were received too late to reach all the comrades there, so the balance was brought home with us. The Assistant Adjutant General sent a postal card to each comrade entitled to one, that on the receipt of eight cents to pay postage the medal would be mailed to them. Many responded, but there are still about two hundred and fifty left. I recommend that they be given to the Posts of this Department as a reward for service in bringing recruits into the ranks, the details to be carried out by my successor.

#### EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.

The memory of the great calamity which befell the metropolis of the Pacific coast and adjacent country on the morning of April 18th is still fresh in our minds.

Over eight hundred families of comrades were left destitute in the city of San Francisco alone. In compliance with the request of our Commander-in-Chief, special order No. 1 was issued on April 23d, calling upon the Posts of this Department for contributions for the relief of comrades in the stricken city. Response has come from 44 Posts and \$205.80 has been forwarded by our Adjutant to C. H. Blinn, 1130 Eddy street, at San Francisco, Cal., and proper acknowl-

edment and receipt returned. Many of the Posts, however, have contributed for this fund through local committees, and have sent no word to the Adjutant, thus the Department loses the credit for amounts thus contributed.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF A MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF HENRY WIRZ,  
COMMANDANT OF THE REBEL PRISON AT ANDERSONVILLE.

The most profound indignation was stirred within me when I learned that a band of ladies from the South had appealed to Congress for aid to erect a monument at Andersonville in honor of that fiend and murderer, Wirz, the man who was tried, found guilty, condemned, and executed for cruel and atrocious treatment of prisoners in his care—crimes so inhuman that the barbarity of heathen nations pales before the story of his hellish cruelty. Such a proposition deserves drastic condemnation by all loyal and patriotic Americans, and is receiving the emphatic protest of comrades throughout the Nation. Let the Department of Michigan join in repudiating this flagrant insult against the Nation and its loyal defenders, living and dead.

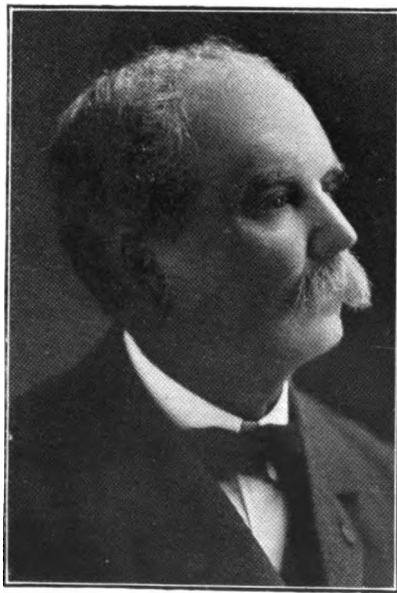
I quote from a comrade from the Department of Kansas, who says: "If such atrocious propositions are to be tolerated, then the following toast would be appropriate for use at our 'Camp-fires.'

"Here's to the mail carrier, who comes every day,  
And here's to the policeman who passes this way,  
And to the precocious child who has just learned to say,  
Ma, which is Pa, the Blue or the Gray?"

Comrades—The hands of the clock of time have nearly marked the passage of another year in the existence of our Department. A short time in which to transact the business of this Encampment yet remains—ere its closing stroke ends forever the labors of the 28th Encampment of the Department of Michigan. I believe that this work will be accomplished in that spirit of comradeship which has characterized the labors of the year. It was with profound sense of my obligations to God and native land and gratitude to my comrades for their expression of confidence, that I accepted the distinguished honor conferred upon me at Traverse City. The record of work accomplished during the year I leave with you for careful consideration. In retiring from office, permit me to thank the officers and members of the Department of Michigan for the hearty co-operation and kindness shown me, and bidding you an official farewell, I will hand over the gavel to my successor and retire.

The Chair appointed committee on the address of the Department Commander, as follows: C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262; John G. Barry, Post 263.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.



**M. D. MORGAN,**  
**Senior Vice Department Commander.**



## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

The report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was read.

Saginaw, Michigan, June 14, 1906.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—It has been the custom and, I believe, it is expected that the Senior Vice Commander shall make some report at the Department Encampment following his election as such, and I would be remiss in duty to my comrades and myself should I fail to enter upon this pleasant task at this time.

Regarding the honor conferred upon me by electing me your Senior Vice Department Commander a year ago, I am now convinced more than ever of the great compliment paid by my comrades of this Department. The position is the second highest in the rank of offices and carries with it no responsibilities.

I have not been called upon to perform any duty during the past year as our Commander, his Adjutant General, the other staff officers and the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration have taken up all matters as they arose and carried them out with satisfaction in every detail.

Commander and comrades, I regret very much that, owing to important business at the time of our National Encampment at Denver last September, I was not permitted to attend, and hope that the Commander and comrades of the Department will excuse me for not being present at that session.

The time is fast passing when we can hope for a material increase in our membership, yet there are many, *very many* survivors of the Union armies of the Civil War who still hold aloof and fail to avail themselves of their eligibility to join the Grand Army of the Republic, which I regret very much. I wish I could offer some suggestions whereby our comrades out of the organization could be induced to join our ranks, as they did in '61 and '65, but as I have tried all honorable means in my locality and have failed, I can think of nothing more to offer on the subject.

Memorial Sunday, May 27th, was very generally observed in my home town, the Post and W. R. C. attending church in a body. A goodly number of both societies turned out in memory of our departed comrades.

Memorial Day, May 30th, was also very appropriately observed, both by the Post and the people in general. All the business houses of the city were closed and it was observed as a general holiday and spent in decorating the graves of their departed loved ones. We have in our cemetery ninety-seven graves to decorate, almost a full company, yet we did it and did it nobly and without complaint, although the weather was a little inclement, owing to wind and rain.

The Woman's Relief Corps is a great benefit and help to the G. A. R.



Without their assistance we would hardly know what to do, as they assist us in all of our undertakings. If the G. A. R. think they need any assistance they just mention it to the W. R. C. and it is forthcoming immediately. So I would suggest that if there is a Grand Army Post in this Department without an auxiliary organization in connection with their Post to take the necessary action at once to have one established, as you do not realize the benefits to be derived from such an organization as the W. R. C. or Ladies of the G. A. R.

I have visited some among the comrades of the northern part of the State, attended small encampments and picnics and I find the comrades, although they are growing old and their steps are not as elastic as they used to be, still they are as true and loyal to the old flag as they were in '61 and '65.

The organization of the Sons of Veterans, I am sorry to say, has not been a success in our locality. We have endeavored to organize such a camp in our midst, but it has failed to be as flourishing a camp as it ought to be, as we have plenty of young men in our locality to make a lively camp of the Sons of Veterans.

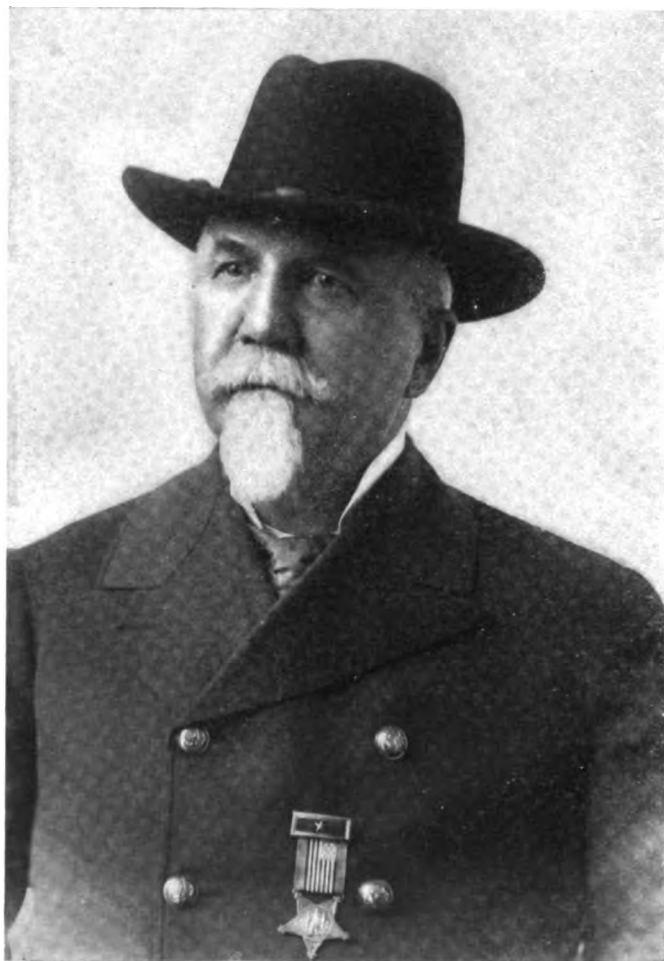
My report would not be complete if I did not, at this time, take the opportunity to thank the comrades of this Department for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Senior Vice Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the Commander and officers of this Department for courtesies shown to me as such.

I am most sincerely and fraternally yours in F. C. L.,

M. D. MORGAN,  
Senior Vice Commander.

Referred to the following committee: Comrades Ren Barker, R. B. Garner and M. D. Richardson.

The Junior Vice Department Commander presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades N. M. Richardson, Post 143; E. S. Jamison, Post 384; and Al Bryant, Post 255.



**S. M. KENT,**  
**Junior Vice Department Commander.**



## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 9, 1906.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade—I have the honor herewith to submit my report as Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan for the year ending June 14, 1906. My duties have been more honorary than arduous. I have had the pleasure of visiting some of the Posts in the State, and am pleased to report that I found them all in a prosperous condition.

I attended the National Encampment at Denver, and after arriving there had a very enjoyable time. We left Chicago over the Wabash road, and allow me to say, for the benefit of the comrades who did not go over this route, that you made the mistake of your life. I think I can say, without fear of contradiction, that it is the slowest and most accommodating road running west of Chicago. We arrived at Denver only twenty-four hours late, which was very unexpected. On our arrival I took the liberty to ask the conductor why we were so long on the road. He very politely informed me that distance was so deceiving out there that it was impossible to run trains on schedule time.

Thanking all of the comrades for the unanimous vote given me at Traverse City, and the courtesy and kindness accorded me during the past year, I am

Very sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,  
STEPHEN M. KENT,  
Junior Vice Department Commander.

The Department Commander: Is the Assistant Adjutant General ready to report?

The Assistant Adjutant General: Before I read my report, comrades, I want to thank you, my comrades, for your very kind expressions of sympathy.

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
SAGINAW, JUNE 14, 1906.

Ellery C. Cannon, Department Commander and Comrades of the Twenty-Eighth Department Encampment:

Agreeable to rules and regulations, I submit my report of the work of the office of Assistant Adjutant General for the year just drawing to a close. This report, though necessarily largely statistical, shows the general standing of the Department as to membership and the finances as shown by the semi-annual reports received from the Posts of the Department.

## MEMBERSHIP.

This is tabulated from reports received for the terms ending June 30, 1905, and December 31, 1905.

	Posts.	Members.
Membership in good standing, term ending December 31, 1904 .....	346	12,282
Term ending June 30, 1905.		
Gains:	Posts.	Members.
By muster .....		106
By transfer .....		73
By reinstatement .....		142
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.	3	39
Total gain first term.....	3	360
Aggregate .....	349	12,642
Losses:		
By death .....		222
By honorable discharge.....		22
By transfer .....		61
By delinquent reports.....	5	73
By suspension .....		280
By surrender of charter.....	2	30
Total loss first term.....	7	688
Remaining in good standing.....	342	11,954

Term ending December 31, 1905.

Gains:

	Post.	Members.	Post.	Mem- bers.
By muster .....	1	86		
By transfer .....		58		
By reinstatement .....		131		
By reinstatement from delinquent.....	3	42		
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Total gain .....			4	317
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Aggregate .....			346	12,271
Losses:				
By death .....		209		
By honorable discharge.....		23		
By transfer .....		54		
By suspension .....		317		
By delinquent reports.....	5	87		
By surrender of charter.....	1	14		
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Total loss second term.....			6	705
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No. remaining in good standing..			340	11,566

## RECAPITULATION.

In good standing December 31, 1904.....			346	12,282
Total gain for the year:				
By muster .....	1	192		
By transfer .....		131		
By reinstatement .....		273		
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.	6	81		
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Total gains for the year.....			7	677
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Aggregate .....			353	12,959
Total losses for the year:				
By death .....		431		
By honorable discharge.....		45		
By transfer .....		115		
By suspension .....		597		
By delinquent reports.....	10	160		
By surrender of charter.....	3	45		
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Total loss for the year.....			13	1,393
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No. remaining in good standing..			340	11,566

The net losses for the year were 6 Posts and 716 members.

Post No. 313, of S. Boardman, was reorganized and given a new charter.

The following Posts have been reinstated:

Post No. 124, Constantine.

Post No. 190, Birch Run.

Post No. 195, Avoca.

Post No. 312, Scotts.

Post No. 390, Elmira.

The following Posts have been reported delinquent:

Post No. 64, Niles.

Post No. 99, Bowens Mills.

Post No. 171, Rathbone.

Post No. 195, Avoca.

Post No. 396, Pomona.

Post No. 436, Martinsville.

The following Posts have disbanded and surrendered their charters:

Post No. 169, St. Charles.

Post No. 225, Trenton.

Post No. 527, Trufant.

Amendment to rules and regulations adopted at the 39th National Encampment, held at Denver, makes it obligatory upon Posts to drop members who are one year in arrears for dues. Some Posts have fallen into the error of dropping members before they have been suspended. No member can be dropped until he has first been suspended. Comrades should thoroughly inform themselves relative to suspended and dropped members. Each has a distinctive place in the Grand Army. Some of the Posts of this Department are and have been, for a long time, carrying a large number of suspended members without an effort to drop them. The present amendment to rules and regulations, if observed, will do away with this large list. It does not follow that they should all be lost to our membership. By the exercise of a judicious course, and the true spirit of charity and comradeship it is believed that the large majority of those now on the suspended list can be saved to our membership. Is it not worth the effort? Reports now coming in will show how well the comrades are looking after delinquent members.

When urging comrades to make an effort to recruit the ranks of this noble Order, the reply most frequently heard is, there is no material from which to get recruits, and where are recruits to be found. Let me call your attention to some facts. The report of the Commissioner of Pensions shows that the amount disbursed by United States Pension Agent A. O. Janes, at Detroit, for the year ending June 30, 1905, on account of Civil War pensions, was:

Under the general law.....	\$3,551,845 00
Under act of June 27, 1890.....	2,739,029 44
Total .....	<u>\$6,290,874 44</u>

This amount is distributed as follows to 33,854 veterans of the Civil War, 16 nurses and 12,032 widows. You ask of what interest is this



**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
**Assistant Adjutant General.**





to us? It is this. There is, within our borders, 33,854 pensioners who are eligible to membership in our ranks. We have but 11,566 on our rolls, as shown by the reports. This leaves 22,288 from which we can draw recruits; two outside of the Grand Army to one within its ranks. I believe that every pensioner should feel under obligations to become a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, for it is through the efforts of this organization that they receive the pensions they now enjoy.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

There has come into my hands during the year, cash amounting to \$2,612.40. This has been received from the following sources:

Per capita tax, first term .....	\$1,181 60
Per capita tax, second term.....	1,156 40
<b>Total per capita tax.....</b>	<b>\$2,338 00</b>
From sale of supplies .....	236 40
From Post 384, for Stevenson memorial fund.....	10 00
From Ladies of G. A. R. for Stevenson fund.....	2 00
Reinstatement of Posts .....	11 00
Reorganizing Post 339 .....	7 00
Comrades Spaulding and Powell at Denver.....	8 00
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$2,612 40</b>

All of which has been turned over to Assistant Quartermaster General E. J. Cox, as shown by his receipts on file.

Again we report a decrease in cash received, both for per capita tax and supplies, as received at the office of the Assistant Adjutant General. The receipts this year show a decrease of \$384.44 as compared with last year. The question has often arisen in my mind how to adjust the expenses to meet the decreasing revenue. No feasible plan has suggested itself without materially crippling the work and efficiency of the Department.

This matter should have the serious attention of the Encampment, as work vital to the interest of the Department cannot be maintained without expense.

#### SUPPLIES.

There is on hand supplies valued at \$85.15, as shown in Exhibit B.

#### DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

An inventory of Department property shows value of same to be \$142.00. See Exhibit C.

#### REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

As published in General Orders No. 9, current series, the basis of representation for delegates to National Encampment was changed, giving one delegate for every five hundred members or major fraction

thereof; that gives this Department 23 delegates and one delegate-at-large; making 24 delegates to be elected to represent this Department at the Fortieth National Encampment to be held in Minneapolis, August 13-18.

#### CENSUS OF SOLDIERS.

Through the efforts of this Department and petitions from some of the Posts, the Hon. Fred Warner, then secretary of state, included in the State census for 1904 a special schedule for the taking of the census of the old soldiers. This was taken and the returns sent to Lansing. Supervisor of the Census Bird has decided that the census of the soldiers, as taken, is not correct and incomplete and for that reason no effort has been made to compile and publish it. Repeated calls have been made upon the governor and secretary of state to have the work completed, but without success. The proposition has been made that the secretary of state turn over to the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, the schedule as taken, estimated at about 30,000 names, on cards. This would place them in our headquarters for reference, but who would provide the file cases and pay for the time in arranging the cards for reference? The Assistant Adjutant General would not have time to do it. I would suggest that if the State would do this work under the direction of the Department, we would be glad to accept the names in place of the greater benefit which would arise from their publication.

#### HEADQUARTERS.

The work at headquarters is steadily on the increase, though membership is decreasing. The correspondence during the year has been very large. I have found it necessary to employ at times assistance to keep up with the work. I have paid for this extra work out of my salary. It has not cost the Department anything. I make this explanation, fearing that some may have gotten the impression that the Department was paying for extra help. During the year there has been issued and mailed 11 General Orders and 2 circulars, besides 9 General Orders and 2 circulars from the National Department. There was delay in getting out the Journal of the Twenty-Seventh Encampment held at Traverse City, owing to the sickness of Comrade Emery, the stenographer. He did not get the minutes transcribed and into my hands until October, and his continued illness prevents his being in his usual place in this Encampment.

#### OUTPOSTS.

I am convinced that the importance of organizing outposts is not receiving the attention it should from the Posts of the Department. The formation of outposts is not to be considered as a matter of revenue by the Posts; the object should be to so fix the dues as to make it a help to the comrades and not a hindrance, thus seeking to maintain their standing in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Application was received from two Posts for permission to organize outposts. This was granted, but when the Posts came to fix the dues they were placed at a figure such as to make them practically prohibitory

and the outposts were not organized. The rules and regulations provide in forming outposts that "Non-resident members shall pay such dues, not less than the per capita tax at headquarters, including the tax to National Headquarters as Posts may direct." The present rate of per capita tax would permit the organization of outposts with dues at 25 cents, if posts felt so minded. I think, however, that with dues of 50 cents, outposts could be organized, and many members saved to the Grand Army. This cannot be done without effort on the part of comrades.

#### RELIEF FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

On April 23d an appeal was made to the Posts of this Department for funds to aid the suffering comrades in the stricken city of San Francisco. Forty-six Posts have responded with contributions, amounting to \$221.70; \$205.80 has been forwarded to C. H. Blinn, treasurer of the Grand Army, local relief committee, for which I have his receipt. There is still in my hands to the credit of this fund, \$15.90, received since forwarding the previous amount. I had hoped to receive many more contributions, but the expectations have not been realized. Comrades, I fear that when the report of this special fund goes to National Headquarters that the Department of Michigan will not compare favorably with other Departments. The number of Posts and amount contributed will be published in full in the Journal of this Encampment. See Exhibit A.

Post 18, of Traverse City, reports that its contribution was sent through the Business Men's Association of that city. No doubt other Posts may have sent their contributions through other channels and have not reported the same as they were requested to do.

In closing this report, I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown me by the comrades of this Department. The most cordial relations exist between the Department and the Posts.

Three meetings of the Council of Administration have been held during the year, reports of which accompany this report.

To Commander Cannon I desire to express my high appreciation of your comradeship and the confidence bestowed. The work has been a pleasure to me and I shall, in the future, look back upon this year's work and associations with pleasure. To all other Department officers, both elective and appointed, who have worked earnestly and effectively, I shall carry with me pleasant recollections of the associations and friendships of the year. Nothing has occurred to mar the feelings of fraternity that should exist between comrades.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

(Applause.)

The Department Commander: I appoint as a committee on the Assistant Adjutant General's report the following comrades: P. H. McBride, Post 262; C. H. Peters, Post 38; and A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
PARK PLACE HOTEL, JUNE 21, 1905.

Meeting of the Council of Administration called by Commander Cannon.

Meeting called to order. Department Commander Ellery C. Cannon in the chair.

Present:

E. C. Cannon, Department Commander.

M. D. Morgan, Senior Vice Department Commander.

W. W. Root, Medical Director.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

E. B. Fenton, A. V. Austin, Henry Spaulding, Loran Roberts, "Ren" Barker, Council of Administration.

On motion the bonds of the Quartermaster General were fixed at \$3,000 and Assistant Adjutant General at \$1,000. Premium on bonds to be paid by the Department.

Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the Headquarters of this Department be decorated at Denver at a cost not to exceed \$25.00.

Carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to procure a new cash book; also, to have necessary repairs made to the typewriter.

Moved and seconded, that the Assistant Adjutant General procure 300 bronze department badges for use of the Department at the Denver Encampment.

Which motion prevailed.

It was also moved that 2,000 ribbon badges, with the word "Michigan" printed thereon, be procured for use at the National Encampment.

Adopted.

H. A. Chapin, member of the Credential Committee, presented a bill for railroad fare of \$5.76, which was ordered paid.

Council of Administration adjourned to meet at call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

Approved:

E. C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
NEW ALBANY HOTEL, DENVER, COL.,  
SEPT. 6, 1905.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee called by the Department Commander.

Present:

E. C. Cannon, Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

E. B. Fenton, Henry Spaulding, "Ren" Barker, Council of Administration.

The matter of locating the place for holding the 28th Department Encampment for 1906 was presented. The Assistant Adjutant General read the invitation received from the city of Detroit; also the one from Saginaw. After a general discussion of the merits of the two places, it was moved that the roll be called and the vote be taken.

Roll was called with the following result: Saginaw, 5; Detroit, 0.

The Department Commander announced that Saginaw had been chosen as the place for holding the next Department Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to notify the secretary of the board of trade that Saginaw had been selected; also, to state to him the requirements of the Encampment.

On motion committee adjourned, to meet at call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

Approved:

E. C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

## EXHIBIT "A."

## SPECIAL FUND FOR RELIEF OF G. A. R. SAN FRANCISCO SUFFERERS.

April 23, from Post 111.....	\$10 00
April 25, from Post 42.....	10 00
April 26, from Post 205.....	12 85
April 27, from Post 6.....	5 00
April 28, from Post 26.....	5 00
April 28, from Post 40.....	5 00
April 28, from Post 53.....	5 00
April 30, from Post 145.....	10 00
April 30, from Post 82.....	2 00
April 30, from Post 114.....	2 00
May 1, from Post 179.....	3 00
May 1, from Post 74.....	5 00
May 1, from Post 19.....	5 00
May 1, from Post 181.....	2 00
May 1, from Post 78.....	5 00
May 1, from Post 4.....	5 00
May 2, from Post 16.....	3 00
May 3, from Post 410.....	2 00
May 4, from Post 29.....	10 00
May 4, from Post 7.....	10 00
May 4, from Post 54.....	1 00
May 4, from Post 79.....	5 00
May 4, from Post 48.....	10 00
May 7, from Post 76.....	5 00
May 7, from Post 206.....	5 00
May 7, from Post 14.....	5 00
May 7, from Post 300.....	10 00
May 8, from Post 49.....	2 00
May 8, from Post 149.....	5 00
May 8, from Post 107.....	5 00
May 8, from Post 2.....	1 00
May 8, Comrade C. W. Lake, Post 2.....	10 00
May 9, from Post 372.....	2 00
May 10, from Post 215.....	5 00
May 10, from Post 31.....	3 00
May 11, from Post 250.....	5 00
May 11, from Post 38.....	5 00
May 11, from Post 205.....	1 00
May 14, M. J. Christian, Post 434.....	1 00
May 16, from Post 156.....	1 95
May 18, from Post 185.....	5 00
May 18, from Post 86.....	1 00
May 18, from Post 5.....	5 00
June 1, from Post 259.....	10 90
June 4, from Post 365.....	5 00

Since the above report was made to the Encampment, the following Posts have sent in additional contributions:

June 20, from Post 117.....	\$3 50
July 21, from Post 34.....	5 75
July 5, from Post 214.....	2 50
July 17, from Post 55.....	5 00
Total contributed .....	<u>\$248 45</u>

## EXHIBIT "B."

## Inventory of Supplies, June 11, 1906.

Quantities.	Articles.	Cost.
128	Rules and Regulations.....	\$3 84
1	Set Rituals.....	50
16	Set of officers' cards.....	1 60
416	Applications.....	1 66
68	Leaves of Absence.....	1 02
230	Transfer.....	5 17
116	Discharges.....	2 61
3	Post Charters.....	75
3	Post Description Books.....	1 50
4	Blue Books.....	3 00
53	Badges.....	18 55
62	Rank Straps.....	12 82
194	Badge Ribbon.....	5 82
68	Buttons.....	4 08
167	Odes.....	83
1	Minute Book.....	50
18	Receipt Book for Dues.....	4 50
12	Orders on Q. M.....	3 00
90	Adjutant Record Book.....	13 40
Total.....		<u>\$85 15</u>

## EXHIBIT "C."

## DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

One silk flag (nearly new).....	\$30 00
One Union Jack.....	10 00
One Department banner (silk).....	30 00
One typewriter (old).....	35 00
One letter scale.....	1 50
One Department seal.....	2 00
One numbering machine.....	10 00
One duplicator.....	4 00
One letter press.....	1 00
One copy pad bath.....	1 00
Two frames for Department Commander's photographs.....	14 00
One registration rack.....	3 50
Total .....	<u>\$142 00</u>



Comrade Wellington, Post 90: Would it be in order for me to ask a few questions?

The Department Commander: I think so.

Comrade Wellington: Some members of our Post have in contemplation the formation of two outposts, in each of which they would draw from members of our Post. What do they do with the fees in those cases?

The Department Commander: The fees go to the Post; simply transfer them to the outpost and they pay per capita tax to your Post. If they are out where they get no benefits from your Post you could make the outpost cheaper.

Comrade Wellington: I am speaking about that at the present time.

The Department Commander: We will talk about that a little later on.

The Department Commander: We will listen to the Assistant Quartermaster General's report.

Assistant Quartermaster General:

Saginaw, Michigan, June 13, 1906.

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to report the following amounts received and disbursed by the Assistant Quartermaster General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., from June 20, 1905, to June 13, 1906:

GENERAL FUND.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. General Jacob Bristol.....	\$1,888 23
Received from Asst. Adjt. General Fayette Wyckoff.....	2,612 40
Received interest on general fund.....	63 50
Received interest on Alger fund.....	36 50
Received from E. J. Cox for Hotel Denver.....	4 00
Total receipts .....	<hr/> \$4,604 63
Total disbursements .....	2,848 92
Balance on hand, general fund.....	<hr/> \$1,755 71
Alger fund .....	1,000 00

An itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements is hereby attached and will appear in the Journal when printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

EDWARD J. COX,

Asst. Quartermaster General, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

On motion the reading of the itemized report of the Assistant Quartermaster General is dispensed with.

The Department Commander: I appoint as a committee on the Assistant Quartermaster General's report the following committee: Jas. H. Powell, Post 16; H. W. Holcombe, Post 132, and Geo. Raab, Post 145.

**DETAILED REPORT OF E. J. COX, ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.**

Date.	Receipts—General fund.	Amounts.
<b>1905.</b>		
June 20...	Cash received from Jacob Bristol, Past Assistant Q. M. General:	
	Balance general fund.....	\$1,888 23
	Balance Alger fund.....	1,000 00
July 12...	Interest on same from July 1, to July 10.....	2 81
	Cash and vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen.:	
	Vouchers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.....	134 25
July 6...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General.....	300 00
July 15...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General.....	300 00
Aug. 19...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General.....	308 75
Sept. 27...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General.....	115 78
Nov. 17...	Received interest Evert Savings Bank.....	35 86
<b>1906.</b>		
Jan. 3...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General.....	352 33
Jan. 12...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General.....	300 00
Feb. 15...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General.....	466 29
April 30...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General, vouchers 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42.....	127 47
June 1...	Received interest from Evert Savings Bank.....	3 00
June 5...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General, voucher 7.....	43 15
June 5...	Received from E. J. Cox, Assistant Q. M. General, for hotel accommodations at Denver, 1905.....	4 00
June 8...	Received from Assistant Adjutant General, vouchers 43, 44 and 45.....	118 61
June 13...	Interest from Evert Savings Bank.....	58 33
	Vouchers 46, 47, 48 and 49.....	10 38
	Cash from Assistant Adjutant General.....	35 39
	<b>Total receipts.....</b>	<b>\$5,604 63</b>
	<b>Total disbursements.....</b>	<b>2,848 92</b>
	<b>Balance on hand, including Alger fund.....</b>	<b>\$2,755 71</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amounts.
<b>1905.</b>		
July 12...	Paid H. A. Chapin—R. R. fare Lansing to Traverse City.....	\$5 70
July 1...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary, June 15 to 30th, voucher.....	45 83
July 6...	Paid Crotty Bros., for supplies, voucher 3.....	1 00
July 11...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., office expenses and postage, voucher 4.....	23 88
July 14...	Paid Dyer, Jenison, Barry Co., premium on bond of Asst. Q. M. Gen., voucher 8.....	12 00
July 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary, July 1st to 15th, voucher 6.....	45 84
Aug. 1...	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., per capita tax, voucher A-1.....	209 20
Aug. 9...	Paid James H. Emery, reporting proceedings Encampment, voucher B-2; reporter at Traverse City Encampment.....	50 00
Aug. 15...	Paid Lewis Wagner, treasurer for Stephenson Memorial fund, voucher C-3.....	144 05
Aug. 19...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary last half July, voucher 8.....	45 83
Aug. 7...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage and office expenses, voucher 9.....	17 08
Aug. 19...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., first half of August salary, voucher 10.....	45 84
Aug. 25...	Paid S. H. Mallory, for service of Lake Odessa Band at Denver, voucher D-4.....	100 00
Aug. 29...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., last half of August salary, voucher E-5.....	45 83
Aug. 29...	Paid Joseph K. Davison's Sons, for Past Dept. Com. badge, voucher F-6.....	35 00
Sept. 6...	Paid Asst. Q. M. Gen. E. J. Cox, for flags at Denver, voucher H-8.....	20 00
Sept. 6...	Paid Henry Spaulding for services at Denver, voucher I-9.....	5 95
Sept. 8...	Paid Albany Hotel, Denver, for rooms 200-202-204, voucher J-10.....	18 00
Sept. 8...	Paid Mrs. Minnie Wyckoff for cutting ribbon badge, voucher 11.....	171 40
Sept. 8...	Paid Yakeley Bros. for ribbon for badges, voucher 12.....	2 00
Sept. 9...	Paid Jenison Barry Co., premium on bond for Asst. Adjt. Gen., voucher 13.....	15 00
Sept. 9...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary first half of Sept., voucher 14.....	5 00
Sept. 15...	Paid H. H. Stalker for printing registration tags, voucher 15.....	45 84
Sept. 15...	Paid Asst. Adjt. Gen., expenses at Denver Encampment, voucher 16.....	75
Sept. 23...	Paid Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage and office expenses, voucher 17.....	17 70
Sept. 23...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff for telephone and telegraph expenses, voucher 18.....	23 31
Sept. 27...	Paid Edward S. Tooker for typewriter plate roll, voucher 19.....	4 68
Sept. 30...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for last half September, voucher K-11.....	1 50
Oct. 18...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for first half of October, voucher L-12.....	45 83
Oct. 27...	Paid Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., for printing and supplies, voucher M-13.....	45 84
Oct. 31...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for last half of October, voucher N-14.....	63 20
Nov. 6...	Paid Joseph K. Davison's Sons for Michigan badges, Denver Encampment, voucher O-15.....	45 83
Nov. 17...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for first half of November, voucher P-16.....	55 00
Dec. 1...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for last half of November, voucher Q-17.....	45 84
Dec. 31...	Paid E. J. Cox, Asst. Q. M. Gen., salary for last half of 1905, voucher R-18.....	45 83
<b>1906.</b>		
Jan. 3...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage and office expenses, voucher 20.....	25 00
Jan. 3...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for first half of December, voucher 21.....	21 41
Jan. 3...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., expenses to Minneapolis, voucher 22.....	45 84
Jan. 3...	Paid Winfield S. Sly, patriotic instructor, R. R. fare to Ithaca, voucher 23.....	10 50
Jan. 3...	Paid Crotty Bros. for office expenses and letter book, voucher 24.....	3 50
Jan. 3...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, voucher 25, postage, etc.....	2 00
Jan. 3...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, voucher 27.....	20 55
Jan. 3...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for last half of December, voucher 26.....	2 70
Feb. 2...	Paid Frank Battles, Q. M. Gen. for supplies, voucher F-19.....	45 83
Feb. 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for first half of January, voucher 28.....	48 81
Feb. 15...	Paid Asst. Adjt. Gen., for supplies and office expenses, voucher 29.....	45 84
		14 85

## DISBURSEMENTS.—Continued.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amounts.
Feb. 15...	Paid Robert Smith Printing Co., for printing and supplies, voucher 30.....	\$35 35
Feb. 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for last half of January, voucher 31.....	45 83
Feb. 15...	Paid Asst. Adjt. Gen., for postage, voucher 32.....	24 42
Mar. 7...	Paid Frank Battles, Q. M. Gen., for per capita tax, second term (receipt) voucher none.....	202 41
Mar. 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for first half of March, voucher G-20.....	45 84
April 2...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for last half of March, voucher H-21.....	45 83
April 16...	Paid Frank Battles for supplies, voucher I-22.....	25 72
April 16...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen. for first half of April salary, voucher J-23.....	45 83
April 30...	Paid W. S. Sly, postage and printing, voucher 33.....	6 75
April 30...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for first half of February, voucher 34.....	45 84
April 30...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., R. R. Fare to Saginaw and return, voucher 35.....	4 18
April 30...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage and office expenses, voucher 36.....	15 67
April 30...	Paid Stock & Co. for 300 blank commissions, voucher 37.....	21 00
April 30...	Paid A. M. Emery, seals for commissions, voucher 38.....	2 00
April 30...	Paid M. E. Gardner, printing, voucher 39.....	8 00
April 30...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage and office expenses, voucher 40.....	17 28
April 30...	Paid W. S. Sly, postage, voucher 41.....	2 00
April 30...	Paid C. J. Strang, printing, voucher 42.....	4 75
May 1...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for last half of April, voucher K-24.....	45 83
May 11...	Paid Joseph K. Dawson and Sons for prize badges, voucher L-25.....	36 00
May 15...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for first half of May, voucher M-26.....	45 83
June 1...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary for last half of May, voucher N-27.....	45 83
June 5...	Paid Q. M. Chas. Burrows for supplies, voucher 7.....	43 15
June 8...	Paid W. S. Sly, postage, etc., voucher 43.....	5 50
June 8...	Paid Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford, printing, voucher 44.....	86 38
June 8...	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., for postage and office supplies, voucher 45.....	26 73
June 9...	Paid Robert Smith Printing Co., for supplies, voucher 46.....	40 35
June 12...	Paid E. J. Cox, Asst. Q. M. Gen., salary January 1 to June 30, 1906, \$25.00, postage \$1.00, voucher 47.....	26 00
June 13...	Paid vouchers Nos. 46, 47, 48, and 49.....	10 38
June 13...	Paid voucher No. 50, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary to June 15.....	45 83
	Total disbursements.....	\$2,848 92

The Department Commander: We have a couple of telegrams that the Assistant Adjutant General will read.

(Telegram from Department of Ohio read.)

Dayton, O., June 13, 1906.

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., Saginaw, Mich.:

The Department of Ohio sends greetings to the Department of Michigan. And may you have a pleasant encampment.

J. S. KIMBROUGH,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Adjutant General: This was received last evening and a reply was immediately sent to the Department of Ohio.

(Telegram from R. R. Pealer read.)

Forks, Pa., June 14, 1906.

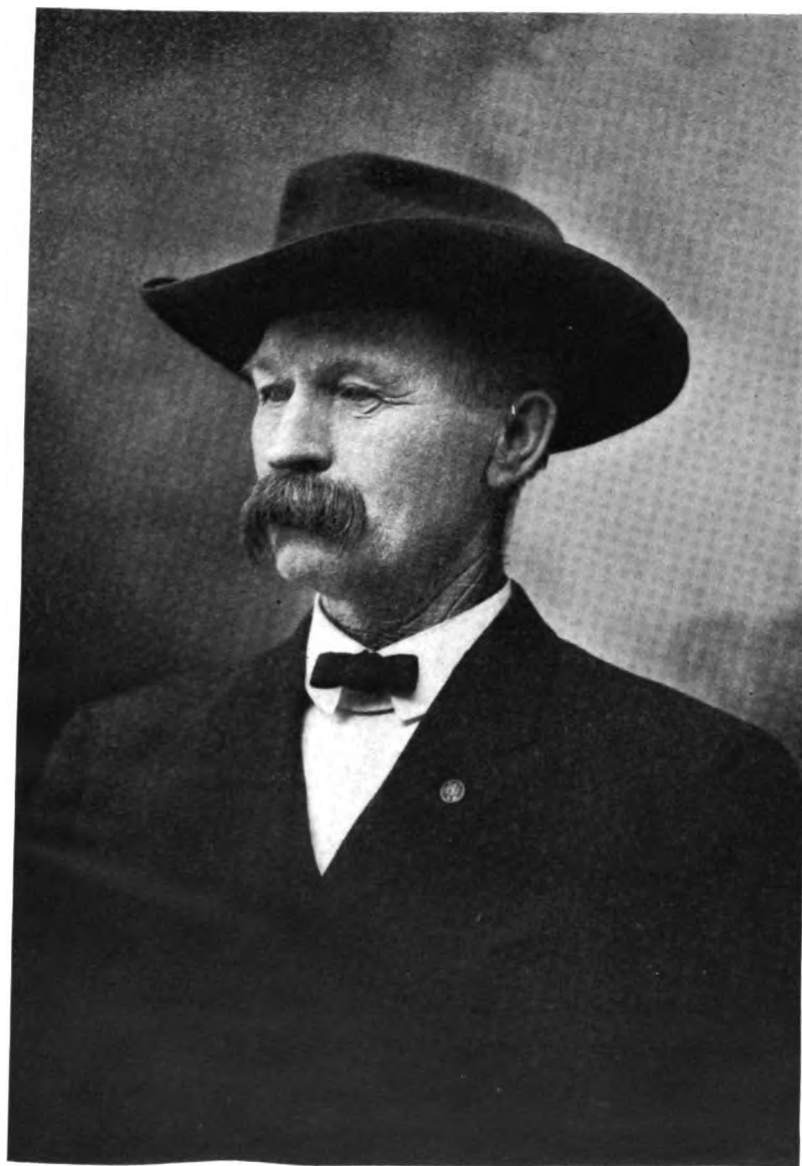
Department Commander, G. A. R. Encampment, Saginaw, Mich.:

Regret that I am unavoidably detained. Cordial greetings and fraternal remembrance for all comrades present.

R. R. PEALER.

Department Commander: We will listen to the report of the Medical Director.

The Medical Director presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades J. R. Stevenson, Post 5; Jas. B. Brainard, Post 111, and D. J. Willson, Post 48.



E. J. COX,  
Assistant Quartermaster General.



## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
MASON, JUNE 8, 1906.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report as Medical Director of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1905. It is carefully prepared from the information and data furnished by the local Post Surgeons, which is very defective in the aggregate. Many of the reports are incomplete and imperfect. One hundred and thirty-eight out of the three hundred and forty-six (346) have made no reports. Of the 208 that did report, forty-five (45) have had no deaths during the year. Edward Pomeroy, Post No. 48, Jackson, has had the largest number of deaths—thirteen (13).

This report shows the glaring defects in the Medical Department that probably have existed ever since its organization. Statistics to be of any value should be full and complete. To improve and correct these defects, I would suggest that in the future the Post Commander, through his Adjutant, be required to furnish the Surgeon's report the same as other Department reports.

For convenience in comparison, I have included the statistics of last year.

	Year 1904.	Year. 1905.
Number of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants .....	208	185
Number of deaths during year.....	436	423
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service .....	21	15
Number who presumably died of disease con- tracted in the service .....	103	80
Number who presumably died from other causes..	312	328
Number of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge .....	70	52
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$625 64	\$380 79
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	34	33
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$266 00	\$183 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts or Relief Corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....	455 30	85 24
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies .....	1,346 94	649 03
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions .....	11	7
Number of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouses..	9	none



There is no insane person reported.

The following is the name and location of the State and National Soldiers' and Sailors' Home for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors of this Department, including their wives and widows:

Name—"Michigan Soldiers' Home."

Location—Grand Rapids, Michigan.

There is no State institution providing homes for the orphans or needy children of the same.

#### MEN.

	Dec. 31, 1905.
Present in quarters .....	786
Present in hospital .....	174
Total present .....	960
Absent with and without leave .....	213
Total membership of men .....	1,173

#### WOMEN.

Present in quarters .....	57
Present in hospital .....	30
Total present .....	87
Absent with leave .....	19
Total membership of women .....	106
Total number present .....	1,047
Absent with and without leave .....	232
Total membership of Home .....	1,279
Increased over 1904 .....	88
Number of deaths for the year ending December 31, 1905	
—men .....	107
Number of deaths for the year ending December 31, 1905	
—women .....	13
Total number of deaths for the year .....	120

Average age of members, 69 years.

Appropriation by the State legislature for the support of the Home for the year ending December 31, 1905:

Current expenses .....	\$139,937 50
Special appropriation .....	77,500 00

Seventy-five thousand dollars of this amount was expended for a new hospital building.

The general government pays \$100 per annum for the support of each soldier who is a member of the State Home. The average membership of the Home for the year 1905 was 887, so the amount received from

the United States was \$88,700, which was placed in the general fund of the State treasurer. This left the cost to the State for the current expenses for the year past \$47,000, which is less than \$55 for the support of one inmate for the year.

This report shows there was much less aid given by the Posts and Relief Corps than the previous year. I am sure this is not because our comrades are not willing to render aid when needed, but because there has not been occasion for it. The number of deaths are less than last year, but the proportion of deaths to the entire membership is about the same.

In submitting my annual report, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the comrades for the honor conferred by electing me to the position of Medical Director for the sixth time. I shall always remember with pleasure the courtesy and kindness shown me by my comrades—those who made such great sacrifice to preserve the best and greatest nation on earth. I will always recall my association with the Department with the most pleasant recollections.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM W. ROOT,  
Medical Director.

The Department Chaplain presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades J. Q. A. Sessions, Post 137; R. L. Jones, Post 38; C. Wilcox, Post 120.

## DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FOR 1905.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade—I herewith render you my report as Chaplain of this Department for the year 1905:

Number of Memorial Day reports received.....	327
Number of Sunday memorial services attended by Posts....	319
Number of sermons preached to Posts on that day.....	319
Number of veterans who preached to Posts.....	16
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached to Posts.....	36
Number of comrades present at these services.....	10,124
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	322
Number of comrades present at these services.....	12,432
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	1,129
Number of graves of comrades decorated.....	25,333
Number of graves without proper headstones....,.....	2,771
Number of public schools participating.....	668
Number of pupils present .....	47,755
Number of other organizations participating.....	332
Number of Posts that had public addresses delivered.....	282
Number of veterans who delivered addresses.....	67
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	28
Number of Posts owning burial plots .....	168

Judging from the tone of quite a number of these reports, the observance of the day seems to have been very satisfactory to the comrades, especially in the spirit of interest and readiness of the people to co-operate with the Posts in making the observance a public success. A stronger and more general protest than ever was entered against the desecration of the day by sports and games, accompanied by an almost unanimous demand for a law to be enacted by our State legislature for its suppression. And in view of it, I trust we are not out of place in earnestly hoping and also recommending that measures be taken to have a petition sent up from every Post in this Department to the next legislature for the enactment of such a law in this State. The feelings of comrades and Posts have been trampled upon too long on Memorial Day from this unworthy and unnecessary cause, and it is time it should cease. The services and sacrifices of our comrades, living and dead, are too vital to the life of this nation to submit to be treated lightly and frivolously, by any persons, on the celebration of this great day of national atonement.

Four Posts in this Department dedicated soldiers' monuments on Memorial Day last year. Post No. 4, of Reading, was one. Post No. 203, of Stockbridge, dedicated one located on the public square, in the center of the village, costing \$1,300, the fund for which was started

in 1896 by their Woman's Relief Corps. This Post decorates the soldiers' graves in all the cemeteries within ten miles of their headquarters. Post No. 296, Alaska, dedicated one in their cemetery, located on their six lots.

Post No. 429, Ironwood, dedicated a monument costing \$1,000, and report the grandest day they ever had. On the same day Post No. 280, Muskegon, dedicated a public park, naming it "Custer Park"—a proud name to every citizen of Michigan, and honored by the nation.

Four Posts report the observance of the added beautiful feature of Memorial Day, performed mostly by the Woman's Relief Corps, of strewing flowers on the waters of lake or river to the memory of our sailors and marines. Corps No. 7, Lansing, assisted by Post 42, has observed this feature two years, the last time on a larger and more beautiful scale, attracting an immense crowd of witnesses on and around the broad iron bridge that spans Grand river on Michigan avenue, near the heart of the city, and thus closed the afternoon services of an eventful day.

At each added recurrence of this our most impressive, sacred and significant holiday, it seems to become more sacred and impressive, not only to living comrades who are rapidly approaching their silent part in its mementoes of the departed, but to the people at large, old and young; for each year adds to the richness of the deposits of beloved remains in our cemeteries, reaching the hearts and lives of other families and communities, calling forth fresh sympathies and sorrows and memories and multiplying the flowers and flags that express the esteem of loving hearts and services of faithful hands.

So Memorial Day will not die with us. Its grand lessons will not be lost. Its true mission is not merely to scatter flowers and plant flags at comrades' graves, nor to bring back heartaches and tears and open old wounds of sorrow, grief and pain, but to more fully and perfectly unite the hearts of the living to each other in love and sacrifice and duty; to lead us to be more true and faithful to each other; to bring forth a nobler destiny to ourselves and our country; to mold us together in bonds of unity and divine charity, and keep aloft the standard of a pure, unselfish, loyal citizenship, worthy of what it has cost us—a model to the nations who come here to share our blood-bought liberties with us. All this it *should* teach us in the lofty and pure minglings of the sacred with the patriotic—the divine word and worship on the Holy Sabbath, with the beauties of nature and emblems of the nation's life and majesty, on the consecrated Decoration Day.

To the Grand Army of the Republic belongs the recognized, accorded and distinguished honor of teaching on this day not only the grandest lessons of patriotism to the eye, the ear and the heart, but also the loving and beautiful lesson of honor and respect for our worthy dead, however lowly and obscure and of whatever nationality, by recognizing and beautifying their last resting places on earth with a care, in a manner and on a scale and frequency hitherto unknown. And it seems to be growing to a national custom, transforming the almost unrelieved gloom and sadness and neglect of the ancient "graveyard" into a pleasant and attractive place of beauty, to which the feet love to stray, the eyes rest and the memory linger, not with repulsion, but with feelings of relief and pleasure at the assurance that *our* graves will

not be neglected, our names not forgotten, when some day we find our pleasant resting place among the "bivouac of the dead," awaiting the reveille in the early light of the great day of final review and eternal victory and peace, to those who have faithfully laid their sacrifices on the altar of their country and their God.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PUTNAM,

Department Chaplain.

The Department Commander appointed the following committee to visit Woman's Relief Corps: Comrades E. P. Allen, Post 180; R. L. Warren, Post 137; L. G. Wilcox, Post 419.

The Department Commander appointed the following committee to visit Ladies of the G. A. R.: A. O. Janes, Post 384; C. C. Phillips, Post 19; E. C. Anthony, Post 300.

The Encampment then took a recess to assemble again immediately after the parade.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

June 14, 1906, 2:45 o'clock.

The Department Commander: Comrades will come to order. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

The Department Chaplain: Our Father in Heaven, in renewing now the proceedings of this convention, we invoke again Thy divine blessing upon all that is done, that it may be done in Thy name, to Thy praise, to our good and Thy glory, forever, through Christ our Redeemer.

The Department Commander: Comrades, the Commander-in-Chief is in waiting at the outpost. I will delegate Past Commanders Kanitz and Pierce to escort him to the stage.

Commander-in-Chief James Tanner was escorted to the stage amid cheers.

The Department Commander: Comrades, I have the honor to introduce to you Corporal Tanner, our Commander-in-Chief, who will address you.

Commander-in-Chief Tanner: Mr. Commander and comrades of the Department of Michigan:

I think that those who had the limiting of the parade in charge expected that I might be talking to you about this time, and that they would tire you out beforehand so that you would sit down there in your seats. For my part, I am frank to say to you comrades to cut these parades short. (Applause.) With the exception of last year at Denver, we haven't had a national parade of the Grand Army of the Republic for some years but what it has cost us some lives. The Boston parade cost one, Comrade Henry E. Tinker. So it is, you boys are ambitious, you get enthused, and the years roll from your shoulders, in your imagination, so you overdo it. And then, later on at night, you

realize that you have spent some physical force that you might better have held in reserve.

This is a good deal of advice to give in response to your cordial greeting. Notwithstanding this, I want to congratulate you from the bottom of my heart upon the splendid appearance you made. You are a pretty good looking set of old cocks yet. I love you so that I want you to take care of yourselves, for without you I can look ahead and see how mighty lonesome it is going to be for me here on earth; I want a few of you left.

Seriously, my comrades, I am glad to be able to stand up here. I have visited a good many Encampments. Considering it is forty-five years since our guns first thundered out, our organization is in splendid condition. I have expected that, in spite of all we could do, I would have to go to Minneapolis and report a marked decrease in the ranks of our order through the ravages of death, no matter how much recruiting we might do. But I am glad to be able to stand here and say that in spite of all the losses death has made, we will be able to report an increase of something over three thousand in our membership this year.

I understand that your committee on arrangements have concluded that the surgeons didn't do quite as much as they might to this mortal form of mine in the way of dis severing, and I see they propose to divide me up a little tonight by way of causing me to appear at more than one campfire, and that I am to make other speeches and attend numerous receptions.

I want to say to you a little upon a subject which I shall elaborate on a little tonight. The moral sense and conscience of this nation have been shaken terribly within the last fifteen months. I tell you, you can hunt the list as I have hunted it, and among all that selfish, thieving throng, I defy you to find the name there of a single veteran of the Civil War. (Applause.)

Now that is a little text that I am going to preach on tonight, to your citizens.

If I had come here today, simply as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army I would feel mighty poor, if I came only as that. I have all respect for the office, and yet I say—simply as that. I congratulate myself that in the comradeship of Michigan there are many warm friendships that are mine that have grown with the years, and it would be as cordial a greeting from them if I came here among you as a private member of the order as it is when I come as Commander-in-Chief. I am happy to stand here today; first, because I haven't met my friends in your States since my election, and I desire to thank you, this magnificent Department of Michigan, for the splendid, unhesitating twenty-four hour a day service you performed to give my candidacy support at Denver. (Applause.) I am not conscious that I have done anything as Commander-in-Chief up to the present time which would cause you regret for the support you gave me, but if I have, I am sorry for it. I trust that I shall be able to go through the year and still be able to retain your respect and your affection. Some things have come up that have convinced me that it is not peaches and cream to be Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army. The music of the bands is very pleasant. The hurrahs and the cordial greetings of the boys are delightful; but

I repeat it is not all joy. And I am frank to say to you that, like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky, there came the news from Washington that made me conscious of the fact that we were in for a fight, and while it was short, sharp and intense, it proved to be one of the most bitter of the contests that I have experienced in my thirty-nine years of membership in the Grand Army. I allude to the bill introduced in the House, headed by Mr. Tawney of Minnesota, where they provided that none of the individuals in the civil service of the government who had reached the age of sixty-five years should, after that, receive more than \$1,400, in any position, no matter how competent he was, no matter how much greater compensation they had received; and when they reached the age of sixty-eight years they were to be cut down to the \$1,000 limit; when they reached the seventy-year limit—threescore years and ten—then they were to be kicked out. We had a good many of the old comrades who held positions for the government, and do yet, and there was consternation on every hand. I haven't been as hot under the collar in years as I was when I read that. I realized that a man is not capable of producing the best in an argument when he is in the white heat of rage. I talked it over with my wife that night, and told her that I was getting my temper down. I cooled off for about two days.

It came, as I said, most unexpectedly! It came from what we had been in the habit of considering the house of our friends! It came under the leadership of a party who was a small boy when the battles were fought, and he, living within eight miles of one of the battlefields. I told them frankly that I would not ask any favor for a man, be he a comrade, if he wasn't able to render the service his position called for. On the other hand, I did claim that if God saw fit to give man the length of years, that wasn't any reason that man was entitled to use a club and knock him down. (Applause.)

Some of you, perhaps, have not seen the circular letter that the Adjutant insisted upon sending out in answer to the numerous inquiries. It was a letter I wrote as Commander-in-Chief to Mr. Tawney, and I told him very plainly that, according to the best statistics, about 700,000 of the old soldiers, and that God had blessed them with sons and sons-in-law, so that there was a bunch of about five million to be reckoned with. (Applause.) And in plain words, I told him that we hold next to our God and our country our allegiance was due to the comrades who couldn't protect and help themselves. (Applause.) There was something about it we don't talk about. I am so constituted, my comrades, that when I feel that my cause is just, and especially if I feel it is desperate, I will use any weapon God will let me get my hands on that is just. So Mr. Tawney and his colleagues on the committee came down, and the proposition was kicked out off the floor of the House, under the leadership of our comrade, Keifer, of Ohio. They have fallen back in this assault because they found us a little stronger than they expected. But when they think they can do it with safety they will try it again. Maybe they will succeed some day, but in my opinion—I have faith enough in the people of the United States to believe that if we conduct ourselves properly we can create a public sentiment among those with influence so that they will down such movements in the future. (Applause.)

I have made a long tour through the South and am particularly glad

to report to you that, while the Departments were small, I found them retaining the respect of the people in the communities where they live. I made up my mind, when elected, that I was going to visit as many of the small Departments as I could, especially those that have taken root and been holding the outposts of our order down south of Mason and Dixon's line. I am happy to be able to assure you that south of Mason and Dixon's line it is all right. On reaching New Orleans we found that they had most profusely decorated for the coming Encampment of the confederate veterans—their annual gathering. I was very pleasantly situated in the St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans, because the proprietor is a very intimate friend of mine. We were not very friendly in the olden days. But there came a day in his life and mine when we stood on opposite sides of the line, and it was that day that knocked the legs from under me and the same day that knocked an eye out of him. When I speak about that to some citizens I have to draw a chart to illustrate to them how it can be that we can be intimate personal friends. And it absolutely did it when we found we had been wounded on the same field. You know that somehow or other there is a strong bond there. When two are wounded in the same fight, in the same regiment and the same company you know how the tendrils run from one to the other. The cord that bound the old colonel and myself came from the fact that we both lay there suffering on the same field. My wife and I got down there to the hotel, and it was just night, after dark. I didn't go up to our quarters very early, but when I went up, madam gave me a sharp look and says: "Don't you think this is a little rich, even for the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army?" I said: "No; there is nothing too good for my blood now a days." Well, she had a marked different opinion. She knew my bank account wouldn't stand any such an outlay as those elegant apartments would entail. She said: "The chambermaid was in here and she thinks we must be someone in particular, because we have the same suite of rooms President Roosevelt and the French ambassador had when they were here." I said, "That old Rebel down stairs asked me how long I was going to stay—a good long while I hope—and wanted me to understand I couldn't spend a damned cent of hotel bill while staying in this house." (Applause.) The Chaplain will understand that I am indulging in quotations. (Applause.)

The St. Charles hotel was liberally decorated for the coming Encampment of the veterans. The second evening I was there I was sitting on the far side of the lobby, directly in front of the office part of the hotel. There were several very prominent confederates standing around me. One said, in a jocose tone: "Tanner, how do you like our decorations; what do you think of them?" I said: "They suit me to a dot; they are perfectly satisfactory." Says he: "General, I don't believe you have observed them very closely." I replied: "Let me call your attention to this, there hangs the portrait of George Washington, there is one of Andrew Jackson, in between them Teddy Roosevelt." (Applause.) His comrades laughed at him. He took it in good part, but he wasn't inclined to let loose. He said: "Extend your view a little." I said: "Yes; I was looking them over." I did so again. Then I saw plenty of confederate counterfeit flags mixed up with the stars and stripes. My wife said she never saw the United States flag so gener-



ously displayed as it was there. I said: "We are all in rather of a jocosé mood—if you men in the South didn't honor and revere your battle flag, the flag that you used to rally around, with your comrades, comrades who left their homes, their hopes and their friends, for, I would count you an aggregation of dogs that I would despise to meet. In speaking, I speak as one who has followed a battle flag myself. I could not follow one of these counterfeit presentments which represents nothing but what is dead and buried and should be laid away forever, for if I were one of you I would as soon think of putting on my gayest attire and going to the funeral of my best beloved." I said, "Let me ask you one question. You answer it my way or keep silent, because I know you are not liars. If you are in a foreign port, you fracture some of their regulations; you are in trouble; they know you are an American, and you would be looking for a flag to protect you, would you be looking for this or Old Glory? (Applause.) You would have both eyes on the top of the mast, looking for Old Glory."

Well, my comrades, I am speaking very freely to you today, because you understand limitations are on me tonight. I have to give you all a good character, and hope you all deserve it. And I hope you are all going up to Minneapolis, and I hope Michigan will make as splendid an appearance there as she did in Denver and as she has in the past. I sincerely hope in your personal life you are keeping the record as bright and pure as you kept the record of Michigan on every battlefield that Michigan troops trod. (Applause.) When I express that hope, I can express nothing higher for the valor of Michigan. She wrote her name in letters of blood in the front line of any battle where any of her sons stood. And so, having been the choice of Michigan—her unanimous choice for Commander-in-Chief, coming here today in your Encampment, I am very happy. I am doubly pleased that it was so I could be here among you. I had a little sharp correspondence about it, because when I agreed to come here to this Encampment, why then my Encampment set her Encampment for the same day, and they wrote and notified me that I would be expected without fail, at our Encampment. I wrote them that without fail I would not be there, and I told them why. And then the next turn in the road they wanted to know the reason, and I put it right to them. I said: "Michigan was the friend of New York's candidate when New York's candidate needed a friend; there was no hesitancy about it. You have me home most any time, but my word is out to go to Michigan, and I am going to go, and I am going to tell the Michigan comrades—there is not going to be a word of hypocrisy in it—I would rather be with them in their Encampment than to be in my own Encampment. It was true that I was going to say it, and it is true today when I say it to you. They changed the date of their Encampment to the 20th, 21st and 22d and then wrote me again that I would be expected there on those dates. I told them that I would be at Yankton, South Dakota, and after that at Bismarck in North Dakota, and I didn't think they would see me.

These Encampments are blessed good things. I have the advantage of some of you, I can look back at so many more that I have attended. It wouldn't be an old soldiers' gathering unless I told you a story—a story about a wedding. None of you are interested in weddings now days, unless it is your grandchildren's weddings. I presume, after the

sermons are over you are quite in the habit of going to your libraries and pulling down that splendid volume containing the works of the silver poet Alexander Campbell, and reading the poem, entitled "Pleasant Memories." You will see the point later. The story is of a wedding down in Texas; it was a notable event in several respects. It was the bride's fifth venture; she had been divorced from her four former husbands, who were all there to see her married to the fifth, and as soon as the ceremony had been performed which made the bride and her fifth man one, the four ex-husbands struck up the tune, "We have all been there before, many times."

(Applause.)

The Department Commander: The Adjutant will place a badge upon the Commander-in-Chief.

The Department Commander: Now, comrades, we will resume the regular order of business again. We will now listen to the report of the Judge Advocate.

The Assistant Adjutant General: In the absence of the Judge Advocate, you will have to listen to my voice.

(Reading report of Judge Advocate.)

Big Rapids, June 13, 1906.

Comrade E. C. Cannon, Department Commander:

I beg leave to make report of the decisions made by the Judge Advocate during the past year. I rendered seven opinions upon cases submitted by Posts through the proper officers and one decision upon a court martial held by comrades of Post No. 348. Copies of all the opinions are hereto annexed and made a part of this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL BROWN,  
Judge Advocate.

The several decisions were then read and ordered placed on file.

The Department Commander: I appoint as committee on the Judge Advocate's report, Comrades Wm. G. Gage, Post 38; O. Palmer, Post 240, and A. B. Simpson, Post 32.

The Department Commander: We will hear the report of the Patriotic Instructor.

The Patriotic Instructor then presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades Robert Duncan, Post 448; J. K. P. McCullough, Post 39; D. C. Speers, Post 10.

(Report of Patriotic Instructor.)

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir and Comrade—It is becoming clearly manifest that patriotic instruction is being recognized as one of, if not the most important phase of G. A. R. work; that which is to last longest in form and effect.

Pursuant to the action of the last National Encampment, making patriotic instruction a Department branch of work, and the Patriotic Instructor to be appointed by the Department Commander, this service was assigned to me. In discharging the duties of the office, an effort

was made early in the year to have each Post Commander appoint a Post Patriotic Instructor, as provided for in General Order of the National Department. One hundred sixty-six Commanders responded by sending the names of comrades who were to act in this capacity and also as assistants to the Department Patriotic Instructor. To each of these a commission was sent over the signature and seal of the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General, with the following:

Suggestions for the  
POST PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS

Michigan Department, G. A. R.

Dear Comrade—The Commander of your Post having appointed you as Post Patriotic Instructor, I welcome you to a work, which, while it is about the last general movement we old soldiers may hope to engage in for our country's good, is one fraught with great possibilities.

We desire that the Department of Michigan maintain a forward movement in assisting in patriotic instruction. Great wisdom has been displayed by those who have placed this work at the very door of the Post room. Will you accept a few suggestions?

1. Consult and co-operate with the Patriotic Instructor of the W. R. C. in planning, as they are the pioneers and actively engaged in the work of patriotic instruction. Also, keep in touch with the Sons of Veterans and other patriotic organizations.

2. Become *personally* acquainted with superintendents, principals and grade teachers in the public schools; wear a badge or uniform when visiting them to ascertain what is being done for patriotic instruction in the schools; what use is being made of flag salutes, drills, patriotic songs and special days. Invite teachers and pupils to attend your camp-fires, speaking and reciting for you, listen to your war stories and eat "hardtack" with you. Cause them to feel how much old soldiers appreciate their attention to patriotism and the old flag.

3. Patriotic holidays offer opportunities for leading or assisting in exercises suitable to the occasion, such as Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12th; Washington's birthday, Feb. 22; Evacuation day, March 17th; Patriot's day, April 19th; Grant's birthday, April 27th; Flag day (anniversary of the adoption of the American flag), June 14th; Bunker Hill day, June 17th; Independence day, July 4th.

4. Memorial day comes so closely to old soldiers, it is deserving the special efforts of the Patriotic Instructor, to enlist old and young in its observance. Enlist the schools to march in the parade, to sing choruses, to distribute flowers. Secure for pupils prominent places on the programme as readers and orators. Even a "wee tot" might move an audience as a great orator could not. By beginning on time, such a programme can be arranged as will attract them to you and deter them more effectually than statute law, from those hilarities which seem to old soldiers an unpatriotic desecration of the day and disrespect for the living and memory of the soldier dead.

5. Report frequently to this office items of interest; send full report of the year's work at least sixty days before the National Encampment;

proper blanks for such report will be sent you from Department and National Headquarters. Your commission will be forwarded to you at an early date. The insignia of your rank is a gilt bar upon your official badge strap.

Comrades, our work will soon be over, but by timely effort we may add to existing influences that which will make still more permanent and far reaching the results of what we have tried to do for our country's good.

Yours in Faith, Charity and Loyalty.

WINFIELD SCOTT SLY,

Department Patriotic Instructor,  
217 North Pine Street, Lansing, Mich.

Thus far the Post Patriotic Instructors have rendered good service locally as well as furnishing valuable information to the Department Patriotic Instructor. In some cases they have reported schools without flags and school boards indifferent or opposed to getting them until informed they would be reported and primary school money be withheld according to law. *They procured the flags.* Especially is it important this law be enforced and the flag displayed and patriotic instruction be emphasized by teachers in sections where foreign people are settling who are ignorant of our laws and history. We may not do much with the adults, but we must work with their children if they become loyal American citizens.

By visiting the schools and co-operating with the Patriotic Instructors of the W. R. C., our Posts are brought into more intimate and active relations to the young through the Post Instructors. I regret, however so small a portion of our Post Commanders have made such appointments. *Again*, the pupils of the six highest school grades were asked to participate in a gold medal prize essay contest. Concerning our last year's contest, it appears Michigan led all other Departments and National Patriotic Instructor Allen C. Bakewell, in a general order, called special attention of other Departments to our work in this line, commending it for their emulation.

The eleventh and twelfth grades were assigned the subject, "The United States; Our Place Among the Nations." Twenty-three excellent essays were entered. The medal was awarded to Lillian Shafer, Townsend street, Lansing, Michigan.

The Ninth and tenth grades were assigned the following subjects:

1. Of what states were the presidents of the United States residents when elected?
2. What was the date of admission into the Union of the various states, and who was president at the time.
3. Who, in your opinion, has been the greatest president of the United States, and why?
4. What do you consider the most important event in American history, and why?
5. What calling, profession, or business do you prefer to engage in after leaving school?

Seventy-four essays were entered in this classification. The prize was awarded to Ethel Patten, Milford, Mich.

The seventh and eighth grades were asked to procure from old sol-

diers, in writing or by dictation, actual flag incidents, giving number of regimental flag, names, places, dates, defense, loss, rescue, etc. Twenty-four sketches were entered. The prize was awarded to Mary Smith, Ithaca, Mich.

It is to be deplored that to obtain incidents of historic of the old flags under which the Union soldiers marched to victory in the Civil War is an almost hopeless task. Alas! Alas! that it has been delayed so long and must all be forgotten when those who know the stories shall have passed away.

I desire to express my own and the thanks of the Department to Hon. P. H. Kelley and W. H. French, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Deputy, for serving as committee to examine the manuscript and award the prizes. Ten diplomas of honorable mention were awarded to each classification by the Department of Public Instruction.

Owing to the numerous contests conducted by various public journals, it may be expedient to change this plan of patriotic instruction or have it come in the autumn months instead of the spring, when pupils are crowded with school work incident to the close of the year.

Memorial days, flag days, birthday anniversaries of our great patriots, flag drills are well observed by our public schools throughout the State.

In conclusion, inasmuch as the G. A. R., like a fruitful tree grown old, whose branches are withering and trunk decaying and which would totally disappear unless new grafts are inserted or shoots spring up from the roots, I would recommend; *first*, that we endeavor to bring about organic relations with younger life; *second*, that every Commander make special effort to appoint a Post Patriotic Instructor; *third*, that comrades improve more opportunities to visit public schools; *fourth*, that we petition our legislature to pass a law to discourage the use of Memorial day by public schools, for sports and field days; *fifth*, that comrades make a more strenuous effort to help the Patriotic Instructor to procure histories of the Civil War flags. Already a completed history of the Second Michigan Infantry of all the Civil War flags alone has been written and published; thus we shall rescue from oblivion the story of the sacred banners before the voices of those who know their history are hushed in death; *sixth*, that every Post and comrade give careful attention to personal character and conduct that we may point the young to the "Old Soldier" without a blush or fear but that they too will be proud of us for what we are, as well as for what we have done and safely follow our example.

Respectfully submitted,

WINFIELD SCOTT SLY,

Patriotic Instructor, Michigan Dept., G. A. R.

The Officer of the Day announced that a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was in waiting at the door.

The Department Commander: I will appoint to meet the ladies, Comrades Van Raalte, Dean and Cox.

The regular order of business was suspended to receive the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. The committee was received and escorted to the platform.

Comrade Van Raalte: Commander, I have the pleasure to present the ladies of the W. R. C.

The Department Commander: We receive you with open arms.

The Department Commander: I have great pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Halsted.

Mrs. Halsted: I am not going to make a speech, but I am delighted that we can once again look into your faces. This is the third time that I have had the honor to serve upon the committee, but today I have the privilege of being the chairman and bring to you the report of the Department President.

SAGINAW, JUNE 14, 15, 1906.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT OF W. R. C. TO DEPARTMENT  
COMMANDER, G. A. R.

I esteem it a privilege to transmit to you a report of the relief dispensed by your auxiliary of the Woman's Relief Corps for the past year.

Number of Corps in the Department.....	226
Cash expended in relief .....	\$1,513 81
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	4,871 29
Total relief by Corps .....	6,385 00
Cash expended from Department relief fund.....	80 00
Number of soldiers and families assisted.....	1,753
Cash in general fund .....	266 55
Cash in relief fund .....	68 37

Not alone in dollars and cents have we served you. We have endeavored to care for the sick, the dying and the dead by the sacred memories of the past. We pledge anew the loyal support of the Woman's Relief Corps of the State of Michigan.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
EVA A. GRAY,  
Department President.

The Department Commander: I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Redner.

Mrs. Redner: Commander and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

To be of the committee to carry the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army is always regarded as a special favor. I fully appreciate the honor and at the same time realize I was not appointed because of speechmaking qualities but rather that the Department President wished to give me a great pleasure. We bring to you the greetings of more than eight thousand loyal women of Michigan. To be here and look over this gathering of men—who in '61 were the boys—brings back many memories. We come today as your auxiliary pledging ourselves anew to the cause for which you fought and remembering *our obligation* "to work for the Union veteran and his dependent ones and to perpetuate the memory of your heroic dead." We enjoy these Encampments for you—knowing that you look forward to these yearly gatherings with an interest that equals kinship; living over again the scenes of the past. I have always observed that the sadness connected with those scenes are left out in the stories told

when you are together. The sad part of these Encampments comes with the calling of the roll for those that have been mustered out and gone to join the majority. Each year the list grows longer and the ranks thinner. With each recurring Memorial day many new graves to decorate. And this year, as I looked upon the men in line, marching (many of them feebly) into the cemetery, I wondered if we were doing all we could to perpetuate the sacred observance of Memorial day. This question came with greater force when, a few days ago, I was reading what a newspaper correspondent had to say of the observance of the day at our State capital. The writer said: "The old soldiers observed it with appropriate ceremony, the city council assisted with funds, but by the community at large little attention was shown to the purpose for which the day was set apart. Business places closed in the afternoon. Ball games proved rival attraction. More veterans than citizens out to listen to the address." This description of the day at Lansing is the story of almost all our towns. From this comes the question to us as citizens: Where are we tending? Who is to blame? Is there a remedy? Schools are closed, teachers and pupils asked to assist and have a part in the exercises. Are we teaching the children the lessons they should understand, that there is one debt the coming generations can never pay; that men whose graves they decorate gave their lives as the price of the peace and prosperity they enjoy and upon them rests the duty of keeping the day sacredly as a memorial to those who gave them a united people, one country, one language, one flag. Let us, as Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps, help in greater measure to bring about a better observance of Memorial day. Let us work rapidly now, before the time shall come for the last Grand Army Post to be mustered out. Let us work for the building of monuments that shall outlast time. Let the children have these object lessons. A monument that has been of particular interest to me is the pavilion erected by the Woman's Relief Corps over Providence Spring, bearing this inscription: "In Grateful Memory to the Men Who Suffered and Died in the Confederate Prison at Andersonville."

"The prisoners' cry of thirst rang up to Heaven;  
God heard, and with his thunder cleft the earth  
And poured his sweetest water gushing there."

Let us have more monuments telling to all ages the story of the men who made this the greatest nation on earth.

Let us have a flag in every schoolhouse as well as floating over it. Let us have one in every church and in every home, everywhere teaching the lessons of patriotism and protection.

We will go from this Encampment with fresh aspirations to work for the principles to which we stand pledged—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

I am pleased to have had this privilege of visiting you today.  
(Applause.)

The Department Commander: I have the honor of presenting to you Evelyn Crusay, of Detroit.

Mrs. Crusay: Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army: I do indeed consider it a privilege to be delegated as one of the committee



**JOHN G. BARRY,**  
**Chief Mustering Officer.**





to come here and meet with you. I am not going to take time to tell you all the grand work the Woman's Relief Corps is doing for the dear old boys that are passing so rapidly away, as time will not permit. But let me assure you that while one of those dear old boys is left and where there is a Woman's Relief Corps left in Michigan, anything we can do for him, we will consider it a great privilege.

(Applause.)

Department Commander: I now have the pleasure of introducing to you Nellie Dodge, the Department Inspector.

Nellie Dodge: Mr. Commander and Comrades: I haven't anything to say; I didn't come along to make a speech, but I esteem it a great favor to be appointed on the committee. Soldiers are a body of men whom I dearly love. I have enjoyed the work of this year. I am always glad when there is any entertainment of any kind where the soldiers are. I am glad to meet you here. I did not come here to make a speech.

The Department Commander: Comrades, it is with pleasure I introduce to you Mrs. Smith, of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Smith: Mr. Commander and Comrades: I am last, I see, but I hope not least. I am not a Department officer, but I am a Relief Corps woman from the top of my head to the sole of my feet. If there is anything I can do to help an old soldier, his family or orphans, I want to do it as long as the Lord permits me to have strength to do it. I wish you Godspeed and a long life yet.

(Applause.)

The Department Commander: The Adjutant General will present the badge of the Encampment to the ladies.

After presentation of the badges the ladies retired.

Comrade Warren, Post 137: I move that the order of business laid down in the programme be suspended as to the order of election of officers, and that it be made a special order for 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Supported by Comrade Cunningham of Post 32.

Comrade Devlin, Post 433: I move to amend the motion by making it 10:30. You will have certain business to perform when you come here tomorrow morning; the reception of some of the ladies and some of the other organizations that will take up some little of your time. Half past ten o'clock will be plenty of time before noon to elect the officers of this Department.

Amendment supported.

Comrade Jibb, Post 45: I believe we ought to take into consideration, comrades, the interest of some of the comrades that are here that come from a long distance; they must take their trains, or rather at noon, sure. If we put that off until 10:30 we will not get through. I am opposed to that.

Comrade Cunningham, Post 32: In accordance with the wishes of a large number of delegates expressed to me, 9:30 is my time.

(Amendment put and lost.)

(Original motion put and carried.)

The committee appointed to wait on the ladies of the W. R. C. reported that it had performed its duties, and asked to be discharged.

The Department Commander: You are discharged.

The Department Commander: The next in order is the report of the committee on the inspection of the Soldiers' Home.

Comrade Snyder, Post 42: I want to suggest that before we receive this Soldiers' Home report that we fix some time to name the delegates and alternates to the National Encampment. As the Adjutant General this morning reported to us we are apportioned twenty-three delegates from this Department, and one delegate at large, that makes twenty-four. As we have twelve congressional districts, we can apportion two to each district. I move you that the district caucuses be called, and that the first district name a delegate at large and one delegate and two alternates; and each of the remaining districts two delegates and two alternates.

Comrade Pond: I was told by the Adjutant General that he had been over this ground and was ready to show you where greater justice would come. Some of the districts may be entitled to more in proportion to their population than some of the others. I submit that if he has such a memorandum that he submit it to you before you vote.

The Assistant Adjutant General: This will be in line with the motion as made by Comrade Snyder. His motion is that each district be permitted to nominate two delegates. There are twelve districts in the State, as has been stated. You take it above the eighth district, where we now are, and the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth districts have but a very few Posts and soldiers; you give them the same number of delegates as you do Wayne—the first, second, third and fourth districts, etc. I hardly think that is a just distribution.

The Department Commander: I belong in the eleventh. We are great fellows, if there aren't many of us.

The Assistant Adjutant General: The delegate at large should be elected at large. I don't believe you should give the delegate at large to any one district. Elect your twenty-three delegates among yourselves. Elect one from each of the districts, take the eleven and distribute them among the rest according to the number of Posts and comrades in the district, giving to the first, second, third and fourth districts two members—or there might be one district that would be entitled to three delegates, to distribute it evenly. I spoke about that to Col. Pond, as a good solution of the question.

Comrade Davey: It seems to me that the district with the largest representation in the Grand Army, in the State of Michigan, should have the largest representation when they go to the National Encampment, or we should have an even show. If you are going to give a district with two hundred members two delegates, and give a district with two thousand members the same number of representatives, that doesn't seem right. If we are entitled to twenty-four delegates, then the districts that have the large representation in the State of Michigan should be entitled to a little more representation in the convention at the National Encampment.

The Department Commander: I think the only way to get through with this will be to let each district appoint one delegate and one alternate and let the Encampment elect the other twelve.

Comrade Phillips, Post 19: I hoped that the comrade would give us some light on the subject, but I am as much in the dark as before the comrade made his speech. The congressional districts up North while they are more thinly settled, cover a great deal more territory

than the first district. I am yet to be shown by any figures given that this proposition carries any inequality. Isn't the Grand Army Posts somewhere near equally distributed in the population of this State? If it is there is no injustice. It seems to me a very easy solution of the whole difficulty.

Comrade Rouden, from Bay: The proposition, it seems to me, to be based upon a little injustice for the reason that in this State there are many Posts that have but a very few members. The Post I represent has but thirteen and we can't increase it. There has been no recognition of our Post since it has been organized; there are many others in the State in the same way. Those large organizations of the State can control the State of Michigan, and there is no use for the small Posts to lift their voices to say anything, because they couldn't have it their way if they wanted to. Now, taking all things into consideration, I hope the Department will take it all into consideration and give the outlying Posts some rights which they ought to have. Since I have been a member of the Grand Army, I never saw one of our Department officers visit our Post. No encouragement extended to the small branches of the big body, and the large cities are getting the whole of it.

Comrade Willett, Post 145: You will never settle this thing. I move this whole thing be referred to a committee of three, to make a disposition of this thing and report in the morning.

Comrade Russell, Post 42: I support the motion.

Comrade Shattuch, Post 42: As I understand it, the Grand Army of the Republic is to represent the whole State. It is very unfair to give a Post in a location where there are two or three thousand comrades any advantage over a location where there are but two or three hundred. I think the proposition to meet in districts would be the proper way. It has been the custom in the past to do so.

Comrade Van Raalte, Post 132: The whole matter is in the hands of the Department, and it belongs to the Department. I admit there is justice in giving to each district one delegate. I believe the Department will do so. I suggest that each district be allowed one delegate, and that the delegate at large and the remaining eleven delegates be chosen by this Department, by its popular vote.

Comrade Snyder: I am very sorry that this matter was brought up by Comrade Pond about this little difference as to representation. Our district—the sixth district—has about one-ninth of the Grand Army population in this State. The object of making this motion was to facilitate business, but it is getting us into a squabble. Therefore, to stop this squabble, I will accept the suggestion as made.

I will make a motion that the district caucuses be called now, and that those district caucuses name one delegate and one alternate from each congressional district, and that the others be named by the Department.

Motion supported, put and carried.

The Department Commander: We will listen to the report of the Committee on Soldiers' Home.

Report of Committee to visit the Soldiers' Home was then read by Comrade Chase.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Col. Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Sir—Your committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home beg leave to submit the following report:

At eight o'clock a. m., May 18th, 1906, your committee met at the Livingston Hotel in Grand Rapids and proceeded at once to the Soldiers' Home, reporting to Commandant Turner our mission, and proceeded, under his and the guidance of others of the Home staff, to make a careful inspection of every part of the Home and all of its adjacent buildings, visiting the different wards and companies, the reading room and library, the dining-room, the cooking and store rooms, laundry, bath, barber, shoemaker and tailor departments, the toilet rooms, the dispensary, the hospital—in fact, each and every place in the Home and its different buildings, the Woman's Annex, etc.

While the Home was wholly unprepared for an inspection, as your committee desired, they found everybody busy in their usual avocations, and were the better able to judge of the every-day life at the Home, together with its every-day appearance as to cleanliness and order.

In all its appointments and all its management your committee are pleased to note the untiring work of the Home officers and the constant daily cleanliness of its every department, from basement to garret, from kitchen to dining-room, from buildings to grounds.

We are also pleased to report the constant work of improvement and beautification of the laying out of the grounds with new walks, new bridges, new flower beds and the many things that go to the constant comfort, pleasure and health of the Home, for its increasing inmates.

The great majority of our comrades throughout the State are past their threescore years, and the time of life is fast passing where we can hope longer to earn the daily wage required for the daily expenses of life, and, for this reason, there must be a marked increase in the number of those comrades who will seek the rest of the Home, knowing full well that in all of its appointments they will be better cared for than it would be possible for them to be elsewhere. That, in fact, more comforts of life are provided at the Home than many of us possess in our own homes. So, as the comrades are marching along, many of them will be dropping out of the line for the retreat provided so bountifully at the Home.

As the years pass much of the work of the Home that has been done by the comrades of the Home can no longer be done by them, and younger persons must be employed to take the places of those who can no longer care for themselves and assist in the work of caring for others.

In company with Chaplain Stark of the Home, we attended the funeral services of a comrade of the Home for whom taps had sounded, and the

service was conducted with music and singing, as it would have been at his own home church. The chapel was well filled with the comrades of the Home and friends and relatives of the deceased.

The Home cemetery is well kept, being regularly laid out in the form of a Maltese cross. The graves are all marked with the regulation government stone.

Visiting the new hospital building in course of construction, we find it well arranged, commodious, light and calculated to give quiet to those who may become its citizens. Its water and lighting arrangements are splendid, all the pipes being conducted into a 5x6 foot cement tunnel, where any defects may be easily located and repaired without moving the earth. The same tunnel renders easy the conveying of a comrade from the Home to the hospital without exposure to the inclemency of the weather.

The water of the Home, from springs near by, is exceptionally fine and pure, and the natural supply ample. The water supply of the Home has been increased threefold by the introduction of eight-inch pipes in place of four; so that in case of fire the water supply is adequate.

The system of records and individual accounts of each comrade of the Home has been so systematized by Adjutant Taylor as to be as perfect and complete as a bank savings deposit account.

The Quartermaster's department is a complete storehouse of supplies, and, under the management of Quartermaster Brundage, is systematic and complete.

The hospital department, under the able management of Surgeon Mills, is conducted with a view to the individual wants and requirements of the men; and the method of giving to each man, as his condition may require and what is best adapted to his speedy recovery, is unique in its individual management, there being some sixty-five comrades daily receiving such rations.

The Annex is splendidly presided over by the widow of our late Department Commander Rutherford.

The noon hour gave your committee a view of the dining-room when occupied, and the order and behavior of the men during meal-time was that of gentlemen soldiers.

The power house, the machine shop, the tool house, the greenhouse, the parks with their animals, etc., all go to make up the complete, substantial and necessary makeup of a home of comfort and enjoyment for the declining years of the comrades who so nobly gave to their country the best days of their early manhood, regardless of everything but the honor of the Nation and the support and maintenance of its flag, and the eternal establishment of its foundation, the constitution.

The constant presence and personal attention of Commandant Turner was noticeable in every room, ward and several departments of the Home, and there seemed to be no new things that he did not know of, and every place seemed perfectly familiar to him—the one as much as the other—showing that Commandant Turner was commanding and supervising every part of the Home.

Conversing with many of the comrades, as we met them in their rooms, their wards, at their different duties, and about the grounds, your committee were pleased to find nearly all fully contented with everything at the Home and its management.

The courtesy of the officers of the Home to your committee and their willingness and desire to have every part of the Home fully inspected and known in all its several details, that they might be fully acquainted with the entire daily conduct and condition of the Home, was noticeable.

Respectfully your obedient servants,

E. F. GRABILL, Post 83;

FRANK R. CHASE, Post 126;

SEYMOUR FOSTER, Post 42.

Daily Report, May 18th, 1906:

Woman's Building—Total inmates, 116.

Soldiers' Home—Total inmates, 1,156.

The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades John Northwood, Post 438; S. M. Kent, Post 5; J. M. Greenfield, Post 89.

Comrade Van Raalte: I wish to thank the committee for making that report. I think you all have a deep interest in that institution—more interest than any other institution in the State, as far as our order is concerned. The Grand Army have done a great deal for those helpless inmates. It is through your interest that we have got the hospital, although we didn't get the appropriation we wished; still the Board of Managers will see that it is pushed so that the boys will have a pleasant place and one of the best hospitals in the State of Michigan. (Applause.)

We have been working under difficulties, but things are now so it is above water. Our boys have been forced to sleep in some places that were not fit for them. This new hospital will give us 275 to 300 rooming places for veterans that have not places fit to sleep in. Our membership in the woman's building is 115. At the utmost we haven't capacity for more than 102 and then we have to sleep them in the halls. If any of you know how difficult it is to have three women in one room—if you don't know anything about it, come over, and in one or two days you will be satisfied. (Applause.)

In this new hospital the upper story is used for the women; there will be a ward there for the women; there are a great many women in the State who are in need of it and should be taken care of.

There is another thing—it is a difficult question to touch on, but at the same time justice is justice, and justice will reign. I will give the State credit for all that it does. Never forget the government you made takes care of you today, and will reward you; it stands by you today; for every inmate you have in the Home it furnishes you \$100 where the State doesn't furnish you more than \$50 at the utmost. There are cases there that are unjust. I will allude to one. We have a great many members come there simply to die. We have to take care of them; some are there six, seven or eight years, and they are a constant care; they have to be taken care of from morning to night and from night to morning, almost, have some individual watching them. They are worse than a helpless child. They accumulate a pension; they can't use it because some don't know enough to use it; some would use it in a wrong way; they haven't a relative on earth; they haven't any legal heirs; nobody looks after them. There are cases similar to that where they have a son, daughter or nephew; that man can remain in the institution from one to ten years and not see one of his relatives, not a relative to ask, "How are you?" They haven't the time; they don't care. They are simply

watching for the hour of death that they can lay their hand on the little pension that he has coming to him. The State bears the expense. A case of that kind cannot be taken care of with less than \$50 or more a year. Where nobody pays any attention to that man, whether he has relatives or not—they come in and say: "Gentlemen, how is his account; has he anything on the book?" "Yes, sir." "Well, I have been appointed special administrator, by the probate court, and demand it." It is an injustice. I claim that the State should have the benefit, that that comrade's money should be used to take care of him, what he costs, against the extra expense, instead of giving it to someone who doesn't care a cent for him. It cuts me to the heart sometimes to see three, four, five or six hundred dollars go to such relatives. "Are you a relative?" "No, sir; but I have been appointed by the probate court as special administrator, and demand the money."

I have often told the Board of Control that I will not report on it until I am forced, because I think the money ought to go to the State. If that comrade hasn't the benefit of it, then some other comrade ought to.

I wish there could be some way devised so that the Home could get hold of that, so that the comrades in general would have the benefit of it.

Don't misunderstand me; I am not advocating the taking away of pensions from the dependent relatives. Where he has no kin I think the Home should have the benefit of it, and the boys should have the benefit of it.

As far as the care is concerned, as the report says, they often receive better than we have at our homes, and that is right comrades; the very best is bought for them; there is not an article used that is not A1. That is so in the food, clothing and in everything that is furnished them. Nothing is too good for them, and we want them to have it.

(Applause.)

Comrade Jamison, Post 384: Who petitions the probate court to appoint an administrator for the estates of these men who have no relatives?

Comrade Van Raalte: The court has power to appoint upon the application of anybody who comes in. I took counsel from the Attorney General of the State, and he said: "Van Raalte, you will have to obey the mandate of the court."

Comrade A. O. Janes: Undoubtedly there is some very distant relative that does not care for him, to begin with, but when he dies, will come into the probate court and set forth his relationship, and then the money is appropriated to the relative.

Comrade Van Raalte: This pension matter is a difficult thing. If you touch the pension you touch all the boys. I mention this question so that you may understand it, and know why it is done, and that there is no effort to reach the pensions of those who have dependents, but only reach those who have no business with it.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was presented and read, and, upon motion of Comrade Wyckoff, received and filed without being referred to any committee, inasmuch as the report contained nothing for the attention of a committee.



**REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.**

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
SAGINAW, MICH, JUNE 14, 1906.

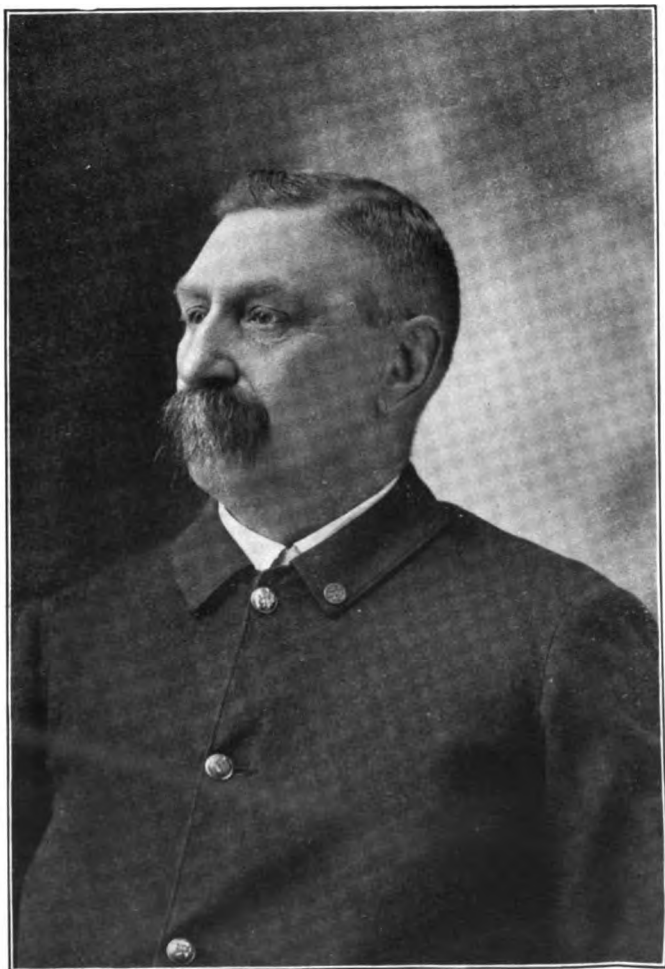
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—Most of the past year I was in foreign lands and have just returned and beg leave to make a very brief report. No new Posts were mustered in this Department during the year. There was no other business to my knowledge to be reported on.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JOHN G. BERRY,  
Chief Mustering Officer.

The Department Commander: We will hear the Inspector's report. Report of Inspector presented, read and referred to the following committee: Comrades Welling, Post 48; Norton, Post 111; T. A. Moore, Post 294.



**M. D. RICHARDSON,**  
**Department Inspector.**



## REPORT OF INSPECTOR.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,  
JUNE 14, 1906.

E. C. Cannon, Department Commander:

Comrade—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending June 30, 1906:

Total number of Posts .....	340
Total number of members in good standing.....	11,566
Number of Posts inspected .....	225
Number of Posts not inspected.....	115
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings.....	Good
Number of Posts in which the ritual is properly exemplified..	206
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped .....	57
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed.....	43
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept..	220
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded .....	340
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	43
Aggregate of Post relief funds .....	\$1,442 43
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	364 54
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters.....	11,107 60
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	79,635 09
Number of Posts with Woman's Relief Corps attached.....	188
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	Not known

From the above report, it will be observed that there has been a large decrease in the number of Posts reporting inspection. The last inspection reported by Comrade Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector two years ago, was 301 Posts inspected out of a total of 358.

I can only report 225 Posts inspected out of a total of 340. I am unable to give good reason for so large a decrease.

Fifty-nine, or over 25 per cent of the Posts which report inspection, report a membership of 20 or less to each Post, as follows:

One Post reports a membership of 8; 2 of 9; 3 of 10; 2 of 11; 4 of 12; 8 of 13; 4 of 14; 3 of 15; and 32 of a membership of from 16 to 20, inclusive.

Two hundred and twenty-one Posts report the records well kept; 219 Posts report orders read and placed on file.

Besides the 188 W. R. C. auxiliaries, there was reported by the different Inspectors, 9 Ladies of the G. A. R. organizations, and 4 other female societies as auxiliaries to the G. A. R.

Three Posts, Nos. 14, 29 and 56, report W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. attached to each Post.

One hundred and thirty-one report prospects good; 62 fair, and 32 poor.

The total membership in good standing, according to the Assistant Adjutant General's report, is 11,566, which is about 40 per cent of the honorably discharged soldiers of the Civil War residing in this Department. When we take into consideration the fact that the fees for membership in the G. A. R. and dues required from each member are a mere pittance in comparison to the benefits derived from membership; that no one is eligible to membership in the G. A. R. who has not been mustered in and honorably discharged from the Civil War; that not even the crowned heads of Europe, with all their wealth and influence, or the wealth of a Vanderbilt, or the President of the United States, our own Teddy, can gain admission to our ranks unless they possess the piece of brown paper, often torn and sometimes ragged, the honorable discharge of a Union soldier, which alone is the passport to our order, I am of the opinion that a special effort should be made to recruit our ranks by inducing the old veterans to join with us and share the fraternity which was cemented in the fiery heat of battle.

I would most respectfully recommend that the Council of Administration take the matter into consideration and, if possible, devise some plan whereby the old veteran who is not entitled to wear the bronze button of the G. A. R. will be induced to join with us and enjoy the fraternity which binds us to the faithful performance of our duties to the destitute wards of the G. A. R. and to an undying vigilance, which as citizens is the price of liberty.

In conclusion I would say that I most sincerely thank Department Commander Cannon for the honor conferred upon me. I have endeavored to faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as Department Inspector, although hindered most of the time by sickness of myself or family. I have expended much time and some money in the discharge of my duties. I am sorry that I was not able to do more for the good of the Department.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

M. D. RICHARDSON,

Department Inspector.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General reported as follows:

To the Commander and Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

We, the undersigned, your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, respectfully report that we have had the said report under consideration and respectfully recommend its adoption, and do earnestly endorse the recommendation of said report with reference to securing additional members from the ranks of the pensioners, who are not members of the Grand Army.

Your committee feel that the question of the expense of the Department is a matter of vital importance and should have the immediate and careful attention of the Department in the adjustment of the same.

But we feel that the question of salary to the Adjutant General should not be interfered with in the adjustment of such expense.

We find that the report has been very carefully drawn, and all matters pertaining to the Department thoroughly examined and reported upon by the Assistant Adjutant General, and this under the very trying and distressing conditions and circumstances under which he has been placed during the sickness and death of his wife at the time and while he has been compelled to do this work.

All of which is most respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.  
Saginaw, Michigan, June 14, 1906.

T. H. McBRIDE,  
A. B. COFFINBERRY,  
CHAS. H. PETERS.

On motion, duly supported, report of committee was adopted.

Comrade Raab, Post 145, presented and read the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Quartermaster General, which, on motion, was adopted.

The report of the committee is as follows:

Department Commander:

Your committee on Assistant Quartermaster General's report beg leave to make the following report: We have had the same under consideration and find the same to be very full in detail of receipts and disbursements. We commend the Quartermaster General on his very efficient manner of conducting the affairs of the office, but we deplore the falling off of receipts and would like to see some measure adopted to increase our membership and finances.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. POWELL.  
H. W. HOLCOMBE,  
GEO. RAAB.

The Department Commander: We will listen to the report of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration was presented and read, and adopted.

The report is as follows:

Saginaw, Mich., June 14, 1906.

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and also the vouchers showing the receipts and disbursements of their said offices during the year, and find the same to be correct.

There was on hand in the general fund at the commencement

of this administration the sum of.....	\$1,888 23
Received from all sources during the year.....	2,716 40

Total .....	\$4,604 63
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There has been disbursed as follows:

Assistant Adjutant's salary .....	\$1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General's salary.....	50 00
Expenses Denver Encampment .....	325 35
Per capita tax to National Department.....	411 61
All other expenses, including postage, office supplies and badges, and all other incidentals.....	961 96
Total .....	<u>\$2,848 92</u>

Total expenditures .....	2,848 92
Leaving balance on hand .....	1,755 71

Alger fund:

Received from former administration.....	1,001 14
Received interest on same .....	36 71

Total in fund .....	<u>\$1,037 85</u>
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Transferred to general fund .....	37 85
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Balance .....	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

E. B. FENTON,  
HENRY SPAULDING,  
Executive Committee C. of A.

Upon motion the Encampment took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

Friday, June 15, 1906—9:25 o'clock.

The Department Commander: The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

The Department Chaplain: Ever blessed Father in heaven, with all our hearts we thank Thee for this pleasant blessed day. We thank Thee that we have been kept through the night, and for the health, safety and strength. We thank Thee for our gathering together again in this cordial companionship today. Now, may Thy blessings rest upon us, upon our Commander, upon every officer of this Department, upon the past officers, upon those who shall be such, and may Thy grace be given to us all, in Thy wisdom, in Thy strength, in Thy love, in journeying on together, hoping often to meet again; if not, to meet at last in Thy kingdom above, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Department Commander: I wish to state at this time, before I forget it, that, through the kindness of Mr. Gray and Mr. Moore, the railroads have decided to let us go to Minneapolis on one cent a mile fare and return, the same as we always have.

If there are any Past Department Commanders present in the room I wish they would take their seats up here on the platform.

If there are any reports ready now, I will receive them up to the special order.

The committee on the report of the Medical Director presented and read its report, which, on motion, was adopted. The report of the committee was as follows:

Saginaw, June 14, 1906.

Ellery C. Cannon, Department Commander:

Comrade—Your committee to whom was referred the Medical Director's report, would respectfully report that they have examined and found it correct and recommend its adoption.

DR. JAS. R. STEPHENSON,  
D. J. WILLSON,  
J. D. BRAINARD.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Inspector presented their report as follows:



Saginaw, Mich., June 14, 1906.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Your committee to whom the report of the Department Inspector was referred would respectfully report as follows: That we have carefully examined said report and concur in the sentiments and recommendations contained therein and recommend its adoption.

Yours in F. C. & L,

A. D. WELLING,

GEO. W. NORTON, Com.,

D. A. MOORE.

Report adopted.

Saginaw, June 15, 1906.

E. C. Cannon, Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee on the Senior Vice Commander's report, respectfully submit this our report: We have examined the report and most heartily agree with its patriotic utterances and endorse its recommendations.

"REN" BARKER,

R. B. GARNET,

M. D. RICHARDSON,

Committee.

Report adopted.

The committee on resolutions presented and read its report, which, on motion, was adopted.

Your committee on resolutions respectfully submit the following report:

1st. To the citizens of the beautiful city of Saginaw this Encampment is indebted for one of the most hospitable receptions known in its history and they have the thanks of every delegate for the abundant attention received and the "fraternity, charity and loyalty" so fully showered upon the strangers within their gates.

2nd. To the resident comrades we say that every pledge made by them to secure the location of the Encampment here has been more than kept and with each and all of them we leave our thanks and benedictions.

3rd. We have to officially record the death, since the last meeting of the Encampment, of our comrade, Geo. H. Hopkins, Past Commander of this Encampment. He has been enrolled among our numbers who are constantly passing to the other shore. Commander, Comrade and Brother Hail and farewell.

4th. While this organization is strictly non-political, yet we reserve the right freely to condemn or commend the policies of our chosen servants so far as they affect the well-being of the Nation, which was saved with its honor untarnished by the men who made the Grand Army of the Republic possible, and we therefore, with one voice, send greetings and thanks to Theo. Roosevelt, worthy successor to Washington and Lincoln, for his attacks upon and overthrow of evils that, working in secret, would in time surely overthrow, except in form, the government established to secure equal rights and justice to all the citizens.

5th. That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Department Commander to the President.

6th. The reports made to this Encampment show that Memorial Day is becoming more and more a most holy day in our national life. We are grateful to the people of the State beyond what words can convey for the growing appreciation of what was wrought by the living and the dead to make this indeed a government "By the People, for the People and of the People," now and forever.

Every flower strewn on every grave or cast upon the waters to float to the eternal sea where sleep so many of the brave sailors, is a lesson in patriotism and a story of the cause that cost so much, makes the blood of men and women, boys and girls, course faster and love for our dear country burns brighter than before. We exhort our citizens, our teachers and our leaders of public opinion to join with the Grand Army more fully than ever before, to make this a sacred day, not to be turned from the holy object for which it was ordained.

The 28th annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, will soon be a matter of history. The factors of that army are a vanishing force. Its decreasing ranks cannot be recruited or its career duplicated. As the blue line recedes from the view of men, the results of the work of the soldiers of 1861-5 grow more resplendent, and when the last comrade is mustered out, the flag that is the emblem of the recreated Nation will challenge the admiration of the world.

It is enough for each member of that army that he had the undying glory of being one of the millions upon the field where God was in command and the destiny of the mighty people cast to become the beacon light of justice and liberty to all nations as they move upward to the plains of prosperity, righteousness and peace.

EDWARD P. ALLEN,  
ROBERT L. WARREN,  
L. G. WILCOX,  
Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee to visit the Soldiers' Home, presented and read its report, which, on motion, was adopted.

The report of the committee was as follows:

Saginaw, Mich., June 15, 1906.

Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home of the State of Michigan, most respectfully report that they have carefully examined the said report and say that if the Home management is strictly in accord with their report, we heartily concur in the same, and, in addition, most earnestly recommend that the Board of Managers of said Home use every honorable measure to bring about some way by which the pensions paid to members of the Home that may die leaving no legal heirs may be used

for the benefit of the Home. We further recommend that the report of the Soldiers' Home committee be received and accepted.

JOHN NORTHWOOD,  
S. M. KENT,  
JAMES M. GREENFIELD,  
Committee.

Comrade Raab, Post 145: One word in there I don't like, "the legal heirs;" that goes a good ways. We want it nearer than the legal heirs. Put in something else in place of "legal heirs."

Comrade Northwood: I believe that a soldier who is an inmate of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and is fortunate enough to save a little out of his pension, that after his death it should belong to those who are his legal heirs. That is the law today of the State of Michigan, as I understand it. And where there are no legal heirs it is for the State of Michigan and is used for the primary school fund. The object of this clause in this report is that there may be some honorable means taken that where the soldier dies without a legal heir that the pension accrued may revert and be used for the benefit of the Home, which means his comrades and the ladies who occupy the Annex, and all in connection with the Grand Army, and all that are there. That is the object of using the term "legal heirs." I was never in favor of beating a legal heir out of a nickel that belonged to him by the laws which we have assisted in making.

Comrade Raab: And some of those people that are legal heirs come forward after the death and claim the little pension, although they never paid any attention to him when he was living. If he has got any relatives that are near enough to him that will look after him when he is living, that is all right. But to have some chump come in who never knew of him before any claim what is due him, is not right.

The committee which was appointed to carry greetings to the W. R. C. reported that they had discharged their duties and asked to be discharged, which request was granted.

The Department Commander: The special hour for the election of officers has arrived. What is your pleasure?

Comrade Johnson, Post 145: I move that three tellers be appointed.

Comrade Budd, Post 307: I move an amendment to that motion that there be five tellers appointed.

The amendment being supported, was put and carried.

Comrade Kanitz: I move that five minutes be allowed for the nomination of each candidate. We know the candidates pretty well.

Motion supported.

Comrade Graves, Post 45: I move as an amendment that presentation speeches be cut to ten minutes, and that the supporting speeches to three or five minutes. The reason I make this is this: There are candidates in the field that a great many of the comrades are not acquainted with, so give one man an opportunity to present the name of the candidates and tell of their candidates' advantages. Give him ten minutes.

Cries of No! No! No! No!

Comrade Wellington, Post 90: I offer to amend the motion by limiting the time to three instead of five minutes.

Comrade Kanitz: I will accept the amendment.



**E. B. FENTON,**  
**Member Council Administration.**





**HENRY SPAULDING,**  
Member Council of Administration



Again, I want to thank you and to say how highly I appreciate the honor. (Applause.)

I do not know the names of the members of the Council of Administration, but I desire to have you meet in my room at the Bancroft House at 4 o'clock. It is now five minutes after three. It will be necessary for us to transact some business.

After singing the first and last verses of "America," under the leadership of Assistant Adjutant General Wyckoff, the Department Chaplain pronounced the benediction and the Twenty-eighth Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, came to a close.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



**GENERAL ORDERS.**

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, JUNE 24, 1905.**

**General Orders No. 1, Series 1905-06.**

Having been elected by the comrades of this Department to the highest position of honor in its gift, that of Department Commander, and having been duly installed, I hereby assume command, fully realizing the trust and confidence that has been bestowed upon me. I shall earnestly endeavor to so conduct its affairs that prosperity, harmony and good feeling may prevail throughout the entire Department. I ask and believe that I shall receive the cordial support of every comrade in this Department.

With this co-operation my term of office may be highly successful; without it the results must be barren.

The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

**ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,  
Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, Saginaw.**

**ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL,  
Edward J. Cox, Post 16, Evart.**

**CHIEF OF STAFF,  
Isaac Grant, Post 451, Reed City.**

**SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP,  
Jos. H. Powell, Post 16, Evart.**

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

All official communications should be addressed to Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.

Communications intended for the Department Commander should be sent to him at Evart, Mich.

Additional appointments will be announced in future orders.

**E. C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.**

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, JULY 6, 1905.**

**General Orders No. 2, Series 1905-06.**

1. At the twenty-seventh annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, held at Traverse City, June 20-21, 1905, the following named comrades were elected to the several offices designated:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,  
Ellery C. Cannon, Post 16, Evart.

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,  
M. D. Morgan, Post 18, Traverse City.

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,  
S. M. Kent, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR,  
W. W. Root, Post 441, Mason.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,  
William Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.

#### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

E. B. Fenton .....	Post 384
"Ren" Barker .....	Post 451
A. U. Austin .....	Post 181
L. Roberts .....	Post 18
Henry Spaulding .....	Post 20

#### DELEGATES TO THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

D. G. Crotty, at large.....	Post 17, Detroit
Alvin S. Clark.....	Post 384, Detroit
D. C. Spears.....	Post 10, Dundee
Wm. Dawsett .....	Post 32, Battle Creek
Geo. W. Price.....	Post 14, Sodus, R. F. D. 1
P. H. McBride.....	Post 262, Holland
L. H. Ives.....	Post 441, Mason
Geo. W. Howe.....	Post 98, Port Huron
A. L. Bryant.....	Post 255, Mayville
Henry C. Ransom.....	Post 15, Ludington
John G. Berry.....	Post 263, Vanderbilt
Walter W. Dean.....	Post 18, Traverse City
George G. Johnson.....	Post 8, Ishpeming
C. E. Foote.....	Post 79, Kalamazoo
Jas. T. Hale.....	Post 38, Saginaw
E. T. Carrington.....	Post 278, West Bay City
H. A. Chapin.....	Post 31, Paw Paw

#### ALTERNATES.

Carl Engle, at large.....	Post 162, Detroit
A. T. Garritson .....	Post 433, Detroit
Albert Dunham .....	Post 48, Jackson
David C. Oaks.....	Post 79, Kalamazoo
Henry Spaulding .....	Post 20, Hartford
S. H. Mallory.....	Post 382, Lake Odessa
Calvin Wilcox .....	Post 120, Howell
Edgar G. Spalding .....	Post 98, Port Huron
Joseph W. Budd .....	Post 307, Saginaw
G. A. Whitbeck.....	Post 3, Montague

Wm. Barrett.....	Post 441, Bay City
John Greig.....	Post 152, Alma
A. H. Rolph.....	Post 175, Escanaba
E. Howard.....	Post 204, Millington
Wm. Davey.....	Post 17, Detroit
F. R. Stephenson.....	Post 5, Grand Rapids
C. C. Phillips.....	Post 19, Bangor

3. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

JUDGE ADVOCATE,  
M. Brown, Post 294, Big Rapids.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,  
M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,  
John G. Berry, Post 262. Vanderbilt.

#### AIDES-DE-CAMP.

Jos. W. Budd.....	Post 307
A. H. Rolph.....	Post 175
O. F. Kaywood.....	Post 48
W. D. Brainard.....	Post 111
W. C. Nesen.....	Post 42
Benj. Van Raalte.....	Post 262
Geo. M. Doty.....	Post 252
J. H. Reynolds.....	Post 45
Chas. S. Wilson.....	Post 395
O. F. Webster.....	Post 205

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

4. The Standing Committees for the year are announced as follows:

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

E. B. Fenton.....	Post 384
L. Roberts.....	Post 18
Henry Spaulding.....	Post 20

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

P. H. McBride.....	Post 262
W. F. Atkinson.....	Post 17
O. Tomlinson.....	Post 88

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

E. S. Jameson.....	Post 384
C. E. Foote.....	Post 79
S. J. Lawrence.....	Post 318

## COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

E. F. Grabill.....	Post 83
Frank R. Chase.....	Post 136
Seymour Foster.....	Post 42

5. The semi-annual reports and per capita tax for the term ending June 30, 1905, are now past due. Two hundred and ten Posts have made their reports to date, but one hundred and thirty-six have not. If your Post is one of these, attention is called to the fact that only ten days more remain before our Department reports must be sent to National Headquarters. Commanders will see that their reports are sent in at once. Posts failing to send in their reports before the 20th of July will be reported as delinquent, and the good name of the Department suffers thereby. Post Adjutants and Quartermasters will heed this request.

6. General Orders No. 7 from National Headquarters accompany these orders. The attention of Post officers is called to paragraph V, relative to semi-annual reports.

7. Post Commanders are requested to at once recommend the name of an earnest, capable comrade for appointment as aide-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander, sending their names and address to the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing.

8. Attention is called to the National Encampment to be held at Denver, Colorado, in the week of September 4th. Very low rates will prevail on all railroads. Denver and the surrounding territory offer many attractions and the opportunities to see them will be many.

The Department Commander hopes to see Michigan fully maintain its standard of excellence at this Encampment. Arrangements for special Headquarters train is being arranged for by the transportation committee and full particulars as to route, rates, etc., will be given in the near future. All members of the G. A. R. and their friends who contemplate visiting Denver and the Encampment are invited to go on Department Headquarters train.

Write to the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing for information.

9. By request and for the information of comrades who desire to attend the regimental reunions and anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga, to be held at Chattanooga, September 17-19, all railroads in the Central Passenger Association will sell tickets for one cent per mile in each direction, plus 25 cents, making very cheap rates for the reunion. Further information can be had of Briard F. Hill, passenger agent, Room 350, Marquette Building, Chicago, Ill.

10. The Department Chaplain reports that ninety-one Posts have up to this time neglected to send in their Memorial day reports for this year. Posts delinquent in this should send in their reports at once to Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain, Lansing, Michigan.

Adjutants will see that this request is promptly attended to.  
Official.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of  
ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

## WANTED.

The address of Lorettee A. Avery, widow of the late Charles A. Avery, who was a member of Co. H, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, last heard of in Detroit, by Albert Lewis, Marcellus, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
LANSING, JULY 23, 1905.

General Orders No. 3, Series 1905-06.

1. The 39th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Denver, Colorado, during the week beginning September 4, 1905.

2. The official route for special Headquarters train, as selected by the committee on transportation and approved by the Department Commander, will be via the Wabash, Missouri Pacific and Denver Rio Grande railroads.

The members of the W. R. C., the ladies of the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans are cordially invited to accompany the Department. Special arrangements will be made for their accommodation.

## HEADQUARTERS TRAIN.

3. Two special Headquarters trains will start in the state on Saturday, September 2. One from Grand Rapids on the Pere Marquette, at 1:45 p. m., going via Chicago, and leaving Chicago at 7:30 p. m., giving opportunity for those on the line of the Michigan Central, Lake Shore and Grand Trunk roads to make connections in Chicago. The train from Detroit, over the main line of the Wabash, will meet the train from Grand Rapids and Chicago at Decatur, when the two trains unite and run through solid to Denver, arriving there at 7:30 a. m. Monday morning, September 4.

Your Commander most earnestly requests that comrades who intend going to the Encampment will use the Headquarters train; also, try to induce your friends and others to do so, as it will be of great benefit to the Department to have a large representation accompany the official train. These trains, starting one from Detroit and one from Grand Rapids, will be made up of standard and tourist sleepers with day coaches. You can take your car at starting point and go through without change.

Never in the history of excursions have so low rates of fare been made for points west of the Missouri river and comrades and their friends should avail themselves of this opportunity to visit one of America's most marvelous cities, situated at the base of the snowy range of the Rocky Mountains at an altitude of one mile above sea level, with the richest mining fields and most magnificent mountain scenery within easy reach.

Those going by this route can have the *choice of returning by any other direct line*. Be sure to designate the route by which you wish to return when purchasing your ticket.

## R. R. FARE.

Rates of fare from points in Michigan to Denver and return:

Detroit .....	\$25 45	Grand Rapids .....	\$23 60
Adrian .....	24 25	Hartford .....	22 40
Hillsdale .....	23 60	Benton Harbor .....	22 40
Coldwater .....	23 15	Big Rapids .....	24 70
Tecumseh .....	24 50	Belding .....	24 45
Milan .....	24 70	Bay City .....	29 95
Dundee .....	24 70	Saginaw .....	25 70
Three Rivers .....	22 55	Reed City .....	25 05
Ann Arbor .....	24 95	Cheboygan .....	28 10
Jackson .....	24 00	Flint .....	25 25
Eaton Rapids .....	24 25	Evart .....	25 25
Battle Creek .....	23 30	Greenville .....	24 60
Charlotte .....	23 85	Ionia .....	24 75
Kalamazoo .....	22 85	Lake Odessa .....	24 25
Niles .....	22 40	Port Huron .....	26 50
Lansing .....	24 25	Traverse City .....	26 50
Owosso .....	24 90	Petoskey .....	27 40
Durand .....	24 90	Howard City .....	24 60
Howell .....	24 95	Mt. Pleasant .....	26 10
Allegan .....	23 33		

Schedule of special G. A. R. Headquarters train leaving September 2d.

Grand Rapids .....	1:45 p. m.	Hartford .....	3:35 p. m.
Holland .....	2:25 p. m.	Benton Harbor .....	4:10 p. m.
Fennville .....	2:50 p. m.	St. Joseph .....	4:20 p. m.
Bangor .....	3:20 p. m.	Mich. City, Indiana....	5:20 p. m.

Arriving at Chicago 7:10 p. m. Leave Chicago 8:10 p. m. from Dearborn street depot.

☞ Purchase your ticket by the route selected for the Headquarters train, viz.: The Wabash, Missouri Pacific, and Denver Rio Grande railroads.

## SLEEPING CARS.

Standard and tourist sleepers will be attached to special trains starting from Grand Rapids, Detroit and Chicago. The rate for berths which will accommodate two persons are as follows:

	Standard.	Tourist.
From Detroit .....	\$8 00	\$4 00
From Grand Rapids.....	7 50	3 75
From Chicago .....	6 00	3 00

Application for berths can be made to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing; A. F. Wolfschlager, passenger and ticket agent, 9 Fort street, W. Detroit; H. J. Gray, district passenger agent, Union Station, Grand Rapids. Secure your reservations early.

All applications for berths must be accompanied by the price for the same.

#### MEALS.

A dining car will be attached to trains for all meals after leaving Decatur.

#### VALIDATION OF TICKETS.

Joint agencies for the validation of tickets sold account of G. A. R. National Encampment will be maintained at room 53, Denver Union depot. Also at Eighteenth and Glenarm streets. Office hours, 7:30 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. daily.

Colorado Springs joint agency is located at No. 1 Pikes Peak avenue. Office hours, 7:30 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. daily.

Pueblo joint agency in Union depot Pueblo, open day and night.

Tickets are good for return passage only after being validated on day of departure which must not be earlier than September 4, nor later than September 12, except that time limit may be extended to October 7 by depositing your ticket with the joint agency before September 12 and paying a fee of fifty cents. This includes validation fee and extension fee. Validation fee is twenty-five cents.

Passengers have the privilege of stop-over on return trip at Colorado common points by depositing ticket immediately on arrival with the joint agent.

Chairman E. E. MacLeod of the Western Passenger Association gives positive assurance there shall be no delay in the validation of tickets. A sufficient force of clerks will be employed to meet all demands and avoid the delays that have occurred in other cities.

#### FREE QUARTERS.

Free quarters in schoolhouses will be provided for all Posts and comrades who make application. Application for accommodation should be made in advance to Geo. W. Cook, Chairman, 1725 Stout street. The committee will furnish single cots or new double mattresses. Those desiring free accommodations should bring blankets and pillow. The school buildings in all their appointments rank with the best in the universe. These buildings are all supplied with excellent lavatory arrangements. Altogether sixty-six grade schools and four high school buildings will be at the disposal of the committee. These buildings are all connected with the regular Bell Telephone Exchange. In addition to the schools, two state armories will be at the service of the veterans.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS.

The Committee on Accommodations has provided for more than 100,000 visitors. Every effort will be made to render all comfortable and at no advance over regular prices. Hotels, boarding houses and private residences will be available, with and without meals. Persons desiring to secure accommodations write to Geo. W. Cook, Chairman Hotels and Accommodations Committee, 1725 Stout street, Denver, Colorado, stating the kind of accommodations desired, whether American or Euro-

pean plan, the number to be accommodated, etc. Good rooms can be had for \$1.00 per day and upwards.

#### MICHIGAN HEADQUARTERS.

Michigan Department Headquarters will be at the Albany Hotel, corner Seventeenth and Stout streets. All comrades and all who served in Michigan regiments living outside the state are requested to call and register. All who claim Michigan My Michigan as their home are invited to visit these Headquarters, where they will receive a hearty welcome.

#### PARADE.

The annual parade will take place on Wednesday, September 6. The line of march will not be over two miles in length. The Commander desires that the Department of Michigan be well represented and asks that every comrade make a special effort to be present in the parade and help sustain the good reputation of the Department.

Delegates and members of the Encampment will meet at Headquarters in the Albany Hotel, Tuesday evening, September 5, to select a member for the National Council of Administration, a member of the Committee on Resolutions and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them. The delegates' badge will also be distributed at this time.

Isaac Grant, Chief of Staff, will have charge of the formation of the Department for the parade. All Post Commanders should report to him, Michigan Headquarters, as soon after arrival in the city as possible for instruction.

Official.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of  
ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.



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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH, JULY 27, 1905.

General Orders No. 4.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout all its Departments were surprised and pained beyond expression when the unlooked for announcement came, that

**GENERAL W. W. BLACKMAR,**

Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, had passed away, far from home and friends.

He died on Sunday, July 16, 1905, at Boise City, Idaho, where he had gone on official duties. To those of us who had the pleasure of being present at the last National Encampment held in Boston, Mass., General Blackmar's form appears in memory, as he stood before the comrades, introduced as the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, what soldierly bearing, what manly stature, what glowing words fell from his lips which told of a heart full of hope and a desire to serve his comrades. Then, later, what seems but yesterday, the members of our own Department, welcomed him to our shores, shook his hand and heard his pleasant greetings, and recall with pride the earnest words and gracious manner in which he addressed the united company of Michigan's G. A. R. and W. R. C. assembled together with citizens at Traverse City.

He was a distinguished soldier and no less honored and upright citizen. He has received the greater promotion, having been called to join the Grand Army above.

In compliance with General Orders No. 9, from National Headquarters, all colors at Department and Post Headquarters will be draped for a period of ten days, and officers and comrades, when on duty, will wear their badges draped for a period of thirty days.

Official.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

ELLERY C. CANNON,

Department Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, AUGUST 10, 1905.

**General Orders No. 5, Series 1905-06.**

1. The following additional appointments by the Department Commander as Aides-de-Camp upon his staff are hereby announced:

G. A. Whitbeck.....	Post 3, Whitehall
John J. Downey.....	Post 17, Detroit
Robt. E. Bolger.....	Post 17, Detroit
B. O'Dell.....	Post 31, Paw Paw
John E. Rainbow .....	Post 84, Kalkaska
Fred Wellington.....	Post 90, Saginaw, W. S.
Jas Donaldson.....	Post 101, Ithaca
Henry B. Olmsted.....	Post 111, Eaton Rapids
A. A. Miner.....	Post 218, Luther
F. M. Gates.....	Post 235, Boyne City
Lafayette F. Hall .....	Post 250, Mt. Pleasant
Daniel E. Stearns.....	Post 294, Big Rapids
A. O. Kruger.....	Post 300, Marquette
A. A. Palmer.....	Post 302, Byron Center
George Erwin.....	Post 304, Marlette

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

It is expected that all appointed will at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance, so that commissions may be issued and forwarded to their address.

The Aides-de-Camp can do much to assist the Post Commander in awakening interest in work of the Grand Army of the Republic in their own and neighboring Posts. It is desirable that all should procure and wear the rank bar which designates their official position.

Posts that have not been represented in this and previous announcement will please send the name of an active comrade to be appointed Aide-de-Camp.

2. There are a few Posts that have failed to send in their June reports. The time has passed when these reports should have been received. Commanders of such delinquent Posts should at once see that their reports are forwarded and their Posts reinstated.

3. Arrangements for attending the Thirty-ninth National Encampment at Denver are fast being completed. Particulars as to route of Headquarters train will be found in General Orders No. 3, lately issued. The Department Commander urges all comrades who can to go on the trip to Denver.

4. Headquarters at Lansing will be closed September 2nd and opened at the Albany Hotel, corner Seventeenth and Stout streets, Denver, Colorado, September 4th, in rooms 200-204, and remain open during the Encampment. Headquarters will be in charge of the Assistant Adjutant General and such comrades for assistants as he may detail. All comrades are requested to call and register and leave their Denver address. Some one may be looking for you.

5. Many inquiries are received at Department Headquarters relative to special stop-over privileges on the return from Denver. These can all be arranged with agents of the several roads who will accompany Headquarters train from Chicago.

6. Please note. Time of train leaving Chicago, Dearborn street station, is 7:30 p. m. instead of 8:10 as appeared in General Order No. 3.

Applications for berths in sleepers can also be made to N. C. Keeran, C. P. T. A. Wabash Railroad, 97 Adams street, Chicago, Ill.

Purchase your ticket by the route selected for the Headquarters train, viz.:

Wabash railroad to Kansas City.

Missouri Pacific railroad to Pueblo.

Denver Rio Grande railroad to Denver.

Train runs through solid to Denver.

7. Arrangements for the parade will be made the subject of special orders at Denver. Chief of Staff Isaac Grant will have charge of the formation of this Department. Aides-de-Camp and Post Commanders will report to him at Headquarters as soon after their arrival in the city as possible. Let every comrade from Michigan be in line.

Official.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of  
ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
LANSING, OCTOBER 26, 1905.

General Orders No. 6, Series 1905-06.

1. The thirty-ninth National Encampment held at Denver, Colorado, was an event never to be forgotten by those in attendance. Its enthusiasm was unbounded. The patriotic people of Denver did more than they promised, every door was open to the defender of his country's flag. All vied with each other to make the members of the Grand Old Army feel that the welcome accorded them came from hearts full of unbounded loyalty to the cause which we represented, viz., Our Country and Our Flag. Where many did so well it is hard to specify any one in particular, yet the success of the National Encampment was in a very large measure due to the untiring efforts of Comrade G. W. Cook, Chairman of the Executive Committee. No effort was too great for this noble-hearted comrade. All were made to feel that no exertion was too great and all was freely given for the successful entertainment of the Encampment. Denver and its open hospitality will never be forgotten by the comrades who attended the Thirty-ninth National Encampment.

2. The Department Commander takes this opportunity to express his gratitude to the comrades of this Department for their loyal support. It is with unconcealed pride that we refer to the Department and its part in the great parade. Over three hundred comrades were in line, and as each comrade carried the miniature flag and marched with the steady step of the veteran, they were cheered to the echo by the thousands who thronged the walks and filled every available space.

The thanks of the Department Commander are extended to the several members of his staff, who by their painstaking efforts materially aided in the success of the parade. Thanks are also due to Comrades C. V. R. Pond and E. B. Fenton for opening up our Headquarters and registering over one hundred and fifty comrades before the arrival of the belated train with the Department Commander and officers. Comrade Henry Spaulding, of Post 20, is also entitled to thanks for services rendered at Headquarters during the Encampment.

3. The National Encampment at Denver adopted amendments to Rules and Regulations, providing for the appointment by the Department Commander of a Department Patriotic Instructor, who, by virtue of his office, will be a member of the Council of Administration.

4. Comrade Winfield S. Sly, of Post 42, is hereby appointed as Patriotic Instructor on the staff of the Department Commander. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

#### INSPECTION.

5. In accordance with rules and regulations, the Posts of this Department will hold inspection between October 30th and December 30th. It is hoped that the officers of each Post will endeavor to make the inspection of value and interest to the Post members. It is suggested that where practical comrades from other Posts be detailed as Inspectors. Requests for appointment of Assistant Inspectors should be sent to Department Headquarters at once.

Blanks for Inspector's report are being prepared and will be mailed to each Post Adjutant who will deliver the same to the Assistant Inspector. Immediately after inspection, Assistant Inspectors will forward their reports, in the envelopes provided, to M. D. Richardson, Department Inspector, Lake City, Mich.

6. The attention of Post Commanders is called to the necessity of every Post being supplied with copies of the Rules and Regulations, not only for the officers, but for the use of its members. A thorough knowledge of Rules and Regulations would obviate the necessity of writing hundreds of letters, answering questions that might be readily answered if the comrades would consult the Rules and Regulations.

7. At the Twenty-seventh Department Encampment, held at Traverse City, the Department Commander was instructed to call the attention of Posts to Secs. 3 and 4, Article 4, Chapter 2, Rules and Regulations, relative to suspended members. Many Posts are carrying a large number of suspended members; these should be persuaded to reinstate themselves, and if not availing themselves of the privilege should be dropped. It is believed that a large majority of those on suspended list can be saved to our membership if properly approached and earnestly solicited to regain their membership. Much good work can be done before the reports of the second term are due.

8. At a special meeting of the Executive Committee, Council of Administration, called by the Department Commander, Saginaw was selected as the place for holding the next Department Encampment. The date will be announced in future orders.

9. A little more than a month will elapse when Post elections will take place, viz., at the first regular meeting in December, in accordance with Section 1, Article 7, Chapter 2, of Rules and Regulations.

This is a most important duty and should be approached with a feeling on the part of every comrade to serve his Post by selecting comrades for the several offices who will best serve the Post and the comrades, and exert every effort to not only maintain the Post but to increase its efficiency and membership.

10. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp to the Department Commander are announced; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

A. B. Coffinberry .....	Post 5
Clark B. Lowell.....	Post 88
George Barnes .....	Post 120
Geo. W. Wilt .....	Post 25
Delos Hilton .....	Post 28
James Hyde .....	Post 53
Henry W. Booth .....	Post 87
C. A. Lamberson .....	Post 131
Carl Engle .....	Post 162
Wm. Bickle .....	Post 168
A. E. Stafford.....	Post 295
Geo. Rivenbery .....	Post 398
Geo. W. Wheeler.....	Post 461

11. Post Commanders are requested to notify the Assistant Adjutant General of any changes in Post officers, by death, resignation or removals; prompt attention to this will save much complaint and assure the prompt receipt of all orders and blanks by the Posts.

Official.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
LANSING, NOVEMBER 28, 1905.

General Orders No. 7, Series 1905-06.

1. In compliance with Rules and Regulations, the annual election of Officers of Posts (the Adjutant, Sergeant-Major and Quartermaster Sergeant excepted) for the ensuing year, will be held at the first stated meeting in December. At this meeting representatives and alternates to the next Department Encampment will also be elected.

The basis of representation is the same as for several years past, viz., one representative and one alternate for each fifty members and major fraction thereof. But every Post is entitled to one representative and one alternate whatever its membership may be.

2. Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded that the Semi-annual Reports must be made out and forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December, together with the *Per Capital Tax* of ten cents for each member in good standing. Post Commanders are especially requested to see that these reports are *forwarded promptly*. See Sec. 1, Art. 2, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations.

3. The installation of Post officers into their respective offices will take place at the first regular meeting in January, 1906.

The Department Commander recommends a public installation where practicable, to be held jointly with the Woman's Relief Corps. When public installation is held, no part of the opening or closing services or signs of recognition should be used.

The meeting for installation should be made as interesting as possible.

4. In the absence of a special detail from these Headquarters, the Senior Past Post Commander present and in good standing will act as Mustering Officer.

Any Post desiring a particular comrade for Installing Officer, will, *after first obtaining his consent to act*, forward his name to these Headquarters, when special detail will be made. These requests should be made before January 1st. Comrades selected for Installing Officer, should be a present or past Department Officer or a Past Post Commander.

The Installing Officer will ascertain if the Post has forwarded its Semi-annual Reports and *Per Capita Tax* before proceeding with the installation.

5. Blanks in duplicate for the Semi-annual Reports of Adjutant and Quartermaster, for the term ending December 31, 1905, also blanks for the Post Surgeon's Report, the Post Election Returns, Credentials in duplicate, and Quartermaster's Bonds accompany these orders.

A few Posts have not reported for the term ending June 30, 1905. These Posts should make report for both terms, using one blank for the same.

The blue pencil mark designates that your Post is one of the delinquents.

Post Officers in reporting gains or losses will, in the proper columns in blanks, give the name and regiment of *each comrade* with date and *how gained or lost*.

One copy of Semi-annual Report will be kept on file by the Post.

6. Upon the receipt of this order, Post Commanders who have not done so, will immediately detail a comrade to act as Assistant Inspector and will at once arrange for the inspection, that the work may be done before the 30th of December, 1905.

The appointment thus made is confirmed by the Department Commander without further notice.

7. The following additional Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Wm. Worth, Post 20  
David K. Halsey, Post 38

L. C. Kanouse, Post 117  
W. C. Shook, Post 79

The Department Commander requests all Aides-de-Camp upon his staff to secure the proper badge of their office. The same can be had from the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich., and to whom all requisitions for supplies should be sent.

8. On recommendation the following comrades have been appointed Assistant Inspectors. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Rodney O'Mara.....	Post	1	W. H. Merrifield.....	Post	88
T. C. Putnam.....	"	5	Edward Nobles.....	"	120
A. B. Coffinberry.....	"	5	Harrison Outwater.....	"	132
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It is with regret the Department Commander announces the death of Comrade Lorin Roberts, of Traverse City, a member of the Council of Administration and Past Commander and charter member of McPherson Post No. 18. During the war, Comrade Roberts served in Co. D., 2d Ohio Cavalry, also serving on the staff of General Sheridan.

The Grand Army has lost a most earnest and ardent worker, and the commonwealth an upright and most worthy Christian citizen. He has gone to his reward.

Comrade A. V. Austin, of Post 181, Milford, is hereby appointed a member of the Executive Committee, Council of Administration, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Roberts.

Official.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of  
ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

The address of Jas. J. Huntley, late of Co. B, 9th Mich. Infantry, or his heirs. Valuable papers relative to his service have been found. Address, H. E. Palmer, Postmaster, Omaha, Neb.

The address of Warren Barber, or any other comrade who knew Geo. Bronson, Co. B, 10th Mich. Cavalry, by Melissa Bronson, 49 Franklin St., Rochester, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, FEBRUARY 19, 1906.

General Orders No. 8, Series 1905-06.

1. General Orders No. 5 from National Department accompany these orders. The attention of Post Adjutants is called to the request of Hon. Vespasian Warner, Commissioner of Pensions, for quarterly statement of deaths, to be sent to the "Record Division," Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C. Adjutants complying with this request will be doing much to help comrades seeking information.

#### OUR DEPARTMENT.

Reports for the term ending December 31 are all in, with a very few exceptions. These reports show that the Department is in all respects in a prosperous condition; to be sure, we are not receiving large addi-



tions to our ranks, yet we are pleased to note that some Posts are showing increased membership. We are not unmindful of our sorrowful death losses; these are on the increase, and must continue so.

The gains have not been enough to overcome the losses. There are many comrades that, by untiring and earnest effort, could be brought into our noble order. There are thousands of eligible comrades living within the borders of our Department; what a power they would be for good, to themselves and the comrades, if they would place themselves in connection with our order, and where their influence would be most potent. The new year upon which we have entered is full of promise to the earnest, faithful worker, but to the laggard there is no reward.

During this year there will be endless opportunity for every comrade to make his influence felt for the good of his fellow comrades in the Post, the community, the State and nation. It is only by acting together that results can be accomplished. Let us show to the world in all public affairs that the Grand Army of the Republic is still a power for good, and a menace to evil doers.

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Fortieth National Encampment will be held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, during the week of August 13th. This is within easy reach of the comrades of this Department. Low rates will be made by the R. R. and comrades and Posts should commence planning at once for attending this national event. The Department of Michigan G. A. R. and the Department W. R. C. have secured headquarters at the Nicollet Hotel. Comrades desiring to secure quarters should not delay, as good accommodations will be taken up early.

#### DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

The 28th Department Encampment will be held in Saginaw, June 14th and 15th. It is hoped that this will be the largest Encampment held for years and Post Commanders are urged to plan early, and to have every Post represented.

Commander-in-Chief, General James Tanner, has promised to divide the week between Wisconsin and Michigan. Come to hear and greet him.

Full details of the Encampment will be published in future orders.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

In compliance with amendment to Rules and Regulations as made at the Encampment at Denver for the appointment of a Patriotic Instructor for each Post, the Patriotic Instructor for the Department has sent out requests to all Post Commanders to appoint a Patriotic Instructor. Post Commanders who have not done so are requested to send in their appointments to Comrade W. S. Sly, Patriotic Instructor, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.

## AIDES-DE-CAMP.

A number of aides appointed on the staff of the Department Commander have not yet notified the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance. Commissions will be issued as soon as notice of acceptance is received.

Official.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of  
ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, APRIL 18, 1906.

General Orders No. 9, Series 1905-06.

1. As stated in previous General Orders, the Twenty-Eighth Annual Encampment of this Department will be held in the city of Saginaw on Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15, 1906.

The city of Saginaw is making every preparation to give the members of the Encampment a hearty welcome and to make the stay of comrades and friends a pleasant one while in the city. At the time of issuing these orders, the committee was not fully prepared to give a list of all the good things to be provided, but we know a fine program is being prepared for the Encampment.

2. Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Bancroft House, and will be open at 9 a. m., Wednesday, June 13, where all comrades will be welcome.

3. Headquarters at Lansing will be closed Monday, June 11, and reopened again as soon after the close of the Encampment as possible.

4. The members of the Executive Committee, Council of Administration, will meet at Headquarters room at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, June 13, to audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Council of Administration will meet at 3 p. m., June 13, to consider matters pertaining to the Encampment and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.

5. The following comrades are hereby appointed a Committee on Credentials to assist the Assistant Adjutant General in receiving credentials and giving out badges to the delegates, viz: Comrades Frank R. Chase, Post 126, Belding; Frank C. Crowell, Post 38, Saginaw; Dan J. Willson, Post 48, Jackson.

The Credentials Committee will meet at 2 p. m., June 13, at the Bancroft House. Delegates will report immediately on arrival, present their credentials and receive badges.

Delegates must apply in person for their badges. Alternates are not entitled to badges except in cases of absent delegates. No proxies will be recognized.

Post Commanders will see that their delegates are furnished with proper credentials. If possible, let every Post in the Department be represented.

The Encampment is centrally located and the people of Saginaw are noted for their generous hospitality and will extend to the G. A. R. a loyal greeting.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CORPORAL JAMES TANNER.

6. Accompanied by his esteemed wife, the Commander-in-Chief will visit the Encampment. He will view the parade and speak at the campfires in Masonic Temple and at Teutonia Hall. He is expected to arrive on the morning of the 14th. Let us give him a rousing reception.

7. The Michigan Passenger Association has granted a rate of one fare for the round trip, plus 25 cents, from all points in Michigan. Tickets will be on sale going, June 21 and 14, good to return June 14 and 18, 1906.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13.

8. This will be preliminary day and will be devoted to welcoming the visiting comrades, who will be met by the several committees on their arrival.

REGISTRATION.

9. As provided for at the last Encampment, a registration will be open at the Bancroft House reading room, where all comrades are requested to call and register as soon as they arrive in the city. This registration is for general information, and will be on the plan adopted for the National Encampment.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14.

10. The Encampment will convene at 9:30 a. m., in the Masonic Temple and will be informally opened to receive the mayor's address of welcome, after which the Encampment will open in Executive Session.

At 1:30 p. m. will occur the annual parade and will be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief. It will not take over thirty minutes to cover the line of march over smooth, paved streets.

11. Rousing campfires will be held in the Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, and at Teutonia Hall on the West Side, commencing at 7:30 p. m., programs for which are in the hands of the local committee for preparation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15.

12. Sessions of the Encampment will continue, convening at 9 a. m.

13. Comrade E. B. Metcalf, of Post 307, is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day, and Comrade C. P. Burdick, of Post 90, is detailed as Officer of the Guard. Details for guards will be made by Posts 38, 90 and 307, as may be agreed upon by the Post Commanders.

The Officer of the Day and the Officer of the Guard will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at 8:30 a. m., June 14, for instructions.

14. The committee on hotels and accommodations have furnished the following list and schedule of prices:

Bancroft House, \$2.50 per day and upwards.  
Hotel Vincent, \$2.50 per day and upwards.  
Everett House, \$1.50 per day and upwards.  
Sherman House, \$1.50 per day and upwards.  
Crowley House, West Side, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day.  
Wesley House, cor. Jefferson ave. and Tuscola st., \$1.00 and \$1.50.  
Tuscola House, \$1.00 per day.  
European Hotel, \$1.00 per day.

(The above are all on the American plan.)

Wright's European Hotel, 114-116 Washington Ave. S. Rooms 50 cents and upwards, meals 25 cents.

Many private houses will be open and furnish sleeping accommodations from 50 cents to \$1.00.

A Bureau of Information will be established in the reading room of the Bancroft House, and will be able to assign quarters to all who may desire them. Those desiring to secure accommodations in advance can do so by writing to the hotels direct. If you desire quarters at a private house, write to Joseph Seeman, 307-311 Tuscola st., Saginaw, stating the accommodations desired and for how many; also, the price you desire to pay.

15. The Journal of the Thirty-Ninth National Encampment has been received and will be sent to Posts desiring the same on receipt of 12 cents to pay postage. Those not called for will be distributed to the Posts at the Encampment.

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Again the all-conquering foe, Death, has invaded our ranks, and without scarcely a moment's warning, taken from among us our beloved comrade and Past Department Commander; George H. Hopkins, who died at his home in Detroit on the 6th day of March, 1906.

Comrade Hopkins enlisted Aug. 6, 1862, in Co. E, 17th Mich. Infantry, at the age of 19, served with his regiment in the battles of South Mountain, Siege of Vicksburg, Campbell Station, Knoxville, Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Siege of Petersburg. He was mustered out January 17, 1865, as sergeant of his company. Besides his service in the Civil War, he had an honorable record in the service of his State, serving from 1873 to 1877 as Major and Military Secretary to the late Governor John J. Bagley, a member of the State Legislature, 1879-83, served as Inspector General on the staff of Governor R. A. Alger, 1885-6, and was Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic under General R. A. Alger's administration as Commander-in-Chief in 1899.

During the Spanish-American war he served as confidential secretary to Secretary of War General R. A. Alger, and was commissioned Major of U. S. Volunteers. In June, 1904, he was unanimously chosen by his comrades Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, which position he filled with honor to himself and comrades. Comrade Hopkins was an honored member of Detroit Post No. 384, of Detroit, which he served as Commander for the year 1889. His service to his country in both civil and military branches was most honorable. His great worth was shown in every position of honor he was called to fill.

A comrade truly devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic. The bronze button was more to him than the finest of gems. All honor to the Noble Soul that has gone to join the advance guard of the Grand Army above.

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There is still another sad duty for the Department Commander to perform in announcing the death of Past Department Chaplain D. Burnham Tracy, who departed this life at his late home in the city of Detroit, Feb. 19, 1906.

Comrade Tracy served as Chaplain of this Department in 1899.

He was for more than fifty years an honored minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He served during the Civil War as Chaplain of the 1st Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. His life was well spent in the service of his God and Country. As a citizen he was respected and admired; as a comrade his fraternity was boundless and his geniality was beyond measure. He will long be missed from our annual gatherings. He has gone to his reward.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of

ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, APRIL 20, 1906.

General Orders No. 10, Series 1905-06.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

May 30th, "Memorial Day," is near at hand. The day that is now recognized wherever the glorious star spangled banner waves as the nation's holy day, "the veterans' sacred day," the day of all others that recalls sorrowful yet sacred memories; memories of the days when, in the hour of our country's need, we went from home and fireside to maintain a nation born on the eternal principle "that all men are created free and equal."

Of the great host that forty-five years ago responded to the call of "Father Abraham" two-thirds have passed over the dark river, while the one-third is still left to keep alive the sacred memories of those who rest from the strife of battle and the weary march. On this day we gather the sweetest flowers of spring, these emblems of the resurrection of the new life, and with loving hands and moistened eyes scatter them over the green mounds where rests the form of comrades, whose devotion to their duty, and sacrifices for their country's preservation have brought the blessings of peace and a reunited and enduring Republic.

Let every veteran throughout this Department on this sacred day join with his comrades in the parade, the devotional services, the scattering of flowers, and over each loyal mound place the flag for the defense of which they sacrificed every endearment and finally gave their life's blood.

Every Post of this Department is requested to make suitable arrangements for the observance of this the Union soldiers' and sailors' "holy day," and renew our fealty to the sacred memories of loyalty and patriotic services of our honored dead.

Let special invitations be given to the Woman's Relief Corps, the ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the Daughters of Veterans, to all patriotic organizations, the pupils of our public schools, and all loyal citizens to join in this tribute of a nation's love.

In accordance with the custom established by general orders from National Headquarters, let the reading of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg have a part on the programme.

Sunday, May 27th, is Memorial Sunday, and Posts are expected to assemble and attend divine services in some of the churches, and to invite all of the auxiliary and kindred societies to join with them in these services as an acknowledgment to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and a united country.

Let all the exercises of Memorial Sabbath and Memorial Day be so conducted that the memories of the day shall serve to stimulate all to renewed devotion to the best interests of our loved country. Let us by every honorable means discourage the making of the day a holiday, in which games and frivolity shall take the place of devotion and sacred memories.

Post Commanders with the advice of the Post Patriotic Instructor will detail comrades to visit the public schools at the last school session before Memorial Day, and by your presence in the schoolroom show our appreciation of the children's love for the flag and the land it represents.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of  
ELLERY C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

### SPECIAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, APRIL 23, 1906.

#### Special Orders No. 1.

Commander-in-Chief James Tanner has issued an appeal to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic for aid for the comrades of the G. A. R. who are sufferers in the great calamity that has befallen San Francisco.

Posts are requested to call meetings at once. Contributions can be sent to Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, and by him will be forwarded to the proper authorities. Or, if Posts desire, contributions may be sent to Edward Divene, Red Cross representative, Oakland, Cal.

Posts sending direct will please notify the Assistant Adjutant General of the amount sent so that this Department may have proper credit.

It is believed each Post will do its duty without further urging.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

By command of  
E. C. CANNON,  
Department Commander.

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JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD	- - - - -	Department Commander

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
LANSING, JUNE 21, 1907.

HON. FRED M. WARNER, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor, in compliance with law, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 15th, 1906, to June 12, 1907, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,  
JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.



## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

BAY CITY, MICH., June 11, 1907.

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in its 29th Annual Encampment, at ten o'clock a. m. in the Washington Theatre with Department Commander Joseph B. Griswold in the chair, in open session.

Department Commander—The mayor not being present at this time we will proceed with the regular order of business.

The Encampment was then opened in due form.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Thou who art over all and above all, God blessed above. We adore Thee in all Thy greatness and in all Thy goodness. We thank Thee for that over-ruling Providence that has kept us under its care through the year that has gone by. We thank Thee that the officers of this present administration, with one exception, have been spared through the year and while we mourn the loss of one, we thank Thee for the sparing of so many; that our Commander and all the other officers have been kept in Thy hands of safety and divine love. We now meet not only to greet each other; not only to recall the memories of the past, but to acknowledge Thee as our Creator and our Master. We now invoke Thy especial divine blessing to rest upon our Commander in all his duties upon this and other days and bless these comrades now present that we may look to Thee for divine guidance as well as divine care. For our benefit, our welfare, we invoke Thy blessing. God continue if it please Thee to grant prosperity and unity and peace that rests over us at the present time. We thank Thee that Thou hast given us to rule over this nation a man of peace as well as a man of action and of war, if it becomes necessary. We ask Thee to watch over him and give him great strength and wisdom and grace and also upon all who are in legislative as well as executive positions in our administration. Bless us as a nation. Raise us up still higher to become a nation whose God is the Lord; whose symbol will be acceptable by all other nations and so rule over us that Thy will will be done and that Thy kingdom may come and that we may be prepared to honor and serve Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Department Commander—I now declare the Twenty-ninth Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be opened in due form.

Department Commander—The Adjutant General will call the roll of the Encampment. (A quorum was found to be present).

Department Commander—Comrades, unless there are objections, the rules governing the National Encampment will prevail as the rules of this Encampment. The first thing in order will be the report of the Credentials Committee.

Assistant Adjutant General—As chairman of that committee, I beg leave to report that the committee is still at work. A great many of the comrades are out of the city and as yet we have been unable to make a full report. I move you that the report, when completed, be accepted as the report of this Encampment without any further action. I make a motion that the report of the Credentials Committee, when completed, be accepted without further action. Motion seconded and carried.

## ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT, 1907.

(Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk, thus (\*), were present.)

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

*Joseph B. Griswold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Department Commander.
*Riley L. Jones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Senior Vice-Department Commander.
*O. Palmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Junior Vice-Department Commander.
*W. W. Root	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Medical Director.
*Wm. Putnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Department Commander.

### OFFICIAL STAFF.

*Fayette Wyckoff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Assistant Adjutant General.
*Wm. B. Bostock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Assistant Quartermaster General.
G. B. Allen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Department Inspector.
Wm. F. Atkinson (deceased)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Judge Advocate.
*J. K. P. McCullough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Chief Mustering Officer.
W. S. Sly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Department Patriotic Instructor.
*A. J. Ward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Chief of Staff.
*A. B. Coffinberry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Senior Aide-de-Camp.

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*J. M. Greenfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Flushing.
J. N. Cox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lansing.
William Baird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Marine City.
*Henry Spaulding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hartford.
*John G. Berry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vanberbilt.

### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

*C. V. R. Pond, Lansing.	James H. Kidd, Ionia.
Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids.	*Louis Kanitz, Muskegon.
*Oscar A. Janes, Detroit.	S. B. Daboll, St. Johns.
Rush J. Shank, Lansing.	*Russel R. Pealer, Three Rivers.
*John Northwood, New Lathrop.	*Ethel M. Allen, Portland.
Washington Gardner, Albion.	*James Van Kleeck, Bay City.
Michael Brown, Big Rapids.	*Edward C. Anthony, Negaunee.
Henry M. Duffield, Detroit.	*D. B. K. Van Raalte, Holland.
*Henry S. Dean, Ann Arbor.	*E. C. Cannon, Evart.

### JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 58.

Commander, Roda O'Mara.

*Delegate.*

D. D. Brown.

*Alternate.*

\*James Anderson.

*Past Commanders.*

W. W. Fowle.  
\*O. W. Hodges.  
James Wood.

John Heeny.  
Thomas O'Leary.



# TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## C. O. LOOMIS POST NO. 2, QUINCY.

Chartered January 22, 1876.

Membership 56.

Commander, A. J. Warner.

*Delegate.*

\*C. W. Lake.

*Alternate.*

Geo. W. Dye.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Wm. R. Whitney.  
E. T. Hoyt.  
K. B. Etheridge.  
\*C. V. R. Pond.  
A. F. Turpening.

A. J. Warner.  
O. D. Curtis.  
L. D. Reynolds.  
E. C. Chase.  
D. H. Wood.

## N. H. FERRY POST NO. 3, WHITEHALL.

Chartered May 27, 1877.

Membership 34.

Commander, Francis C. Hiscutt.

*Delegate.*

Sage A. Cathin.

*Alternate.*

Robert Nesbit.

*Past Commanders.*

John C. Deane.  
Frederick Norman.  
Allen F. Casselman

Girard A. Whitbeck.  
James Dellabaugh.

## PHIL SHERIDAN POST NO. 4, READING.

Chartered June 12, 1878.

Membership 20.

Commander H. H. Weaver.

*Delegate.*

R. D. Lane.  
Gabriel See.

*Alternate.*

Zeladee Culver.

*Past Commanders.*

## CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 18.

\*Commander, Robert Finch.

*Delegates.*

\*Francis La Lone.  
F. F. Snyder.  
Thos. Dixon.  
John Barrett.

*Alternates.*

E. M. Raymond.  
Jos. Fox.  
T. J. Odell.  
J. Rathman.

*Past Commanders.*

Byron R. Pierce.  
Wm. D. Frost.  
Chas. P. Coffin.  
Jos. O. Bellaire.  
\*W. B. Bostock.  
A. W. Slayton.  
C. W. Depple.  
G. H. Chappel.  
W. A. Clark.  
Edward Racine.  
J. A. S. Verdier.  
\*Jos. B. Griswold.

\*J. W. McCrath.  
John Schmidt.  
E. H. Cummings.  
G. W. Schwab.  
Solon W. Barter.  
\*Theo. C. Putnam.  
Jas. R. Stephenson.  
\*A. B. Coffinberry.  
\*Chas. S. Smith.  
L. C. Read.  
Thos. Peacock.  
G. H. Sherman.

## C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.

Chartered February 26, 1879.

Membership 53.

Commander, D. F. Austin.

*Delegate.*

\*Washington Whitney.

*Alternate.*

L. B. Wolcott.

*Past Commanders.*

F. K. Proctor.  
Geo. Porter.  
D. F. Austin.  
I. M. Fink.  
W. M. Taylor.  
Nathan Randall.

C. H. Fairbanks.  
O. Hancock.  
Mark W. Paylor.  
O. C. Nash.  
A. S. Thomas.

**PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.**

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 113.

Commander, August Flint.

*Delegates.*

\*John W. Brakeman.  
James I. Mather.

*Alternates.*

\*Chas. P. Rose.  
John Sprague.

*Past Commanders.*

William R. Jones.  
John Sturgeon.  
Wm. Reynolds.  
William H. Weseloge.  
Chas. B. Mann.  
James Dean.  
S. A. Aldrich.  
Chas. Miller.

John R. Bennett.  
Howard Bond.  
Henry G. Bigelow.  
Louis Kanitz.  
John W. Eddy.  
John G. Allport.  
Oscar Lyons.  
E. P. Watson.

**CHAS. H. TOWNE POST NO. 8, ISHPEMING.**

Chartered September 17, 1889.

Membership 20.

Commander, John Scott.

*Delegate.*

O. B. Robinson.

*Alternate.*

Francis V. Sauer.

*Past Commanders.***JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.**

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 38.

Commander, H. E. Waterman.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Rodl.

*Alternate.*

L. R. Miller.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. Robbins.  
John B. Smith.  
A. H. Deitz.  
Wm. Gilbert.  
Chas. Wilber.

W. H. Potter.  
C. R. Reynolds.  
John Hamblin.  
Lou Mullican.

**WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.**

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 54.

Commander, Francis Miller.

*Delegate.*

A. T. Hecock.

*Alternate.*

L. B. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

\*D. S. Spears.  
R. B. Davis.  
Wm. Laffin.  
N. Carney.  
\*Geo. W. Hurd.  
Horace Pulver.

Joseph Hilton.  
M. V. Fox.  
Geo. W. Jackson.  
H. C. Spaulding.  
N. Newell.

**ROBERT'S POST NO. 11, BANCROFT.**

Chartered March 16, 1880.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

G. Pearsall.

Commander, E. J. Ewings.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Blair.

*Past Commanders.*

W. W. Hunt.  
H. H. Williams.  
G. Parks.

H. P. Wimble.  
C. Cole.

**RYDER POST NO. 12, DEERFIELD.**

Chartered April 9, 1880.

Membership 21.

*Delegate.*

Commander, E. E. Bornham.

*Alternate.***I. B. RICHARDSON POST NO. 13, HARBOR SPRINGS.**

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 39.

*Delegate.*

George W. Dickerson.

Commander, Chas. Tanner.

*Alternate.*

Fred F. Main.

*Past Commanders.*

Charles E. Judd.  
Geo. W. Dickinson.  
Stephen Manchester.  
Geo. O. Richardson.  
Wm. H. Lee.  
Fred F. Main.

Eri D. Babcock.  
Chas. C. Newkirk.  
Albert L. Hathaway.  
Lorenzo A. Clark.  
Jos. N. Bradley.

**GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 14, BENTON HARBOR.**

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 82.

*Delegates.*

\*A. B. Howes.

\*O. J. Bradley.

Commander, A. H. Rowe.

*Alternates.*

L. B. Tryon.

J. M. Daiguean.

*Past Commanders.*

L. M. Ward.  
L. Hemingway.  
Henry Skelley.  
Chas. A. Warner.  
John Seel.

W. F. Kimball.  
John Clark.  
M. J. Vincent.  
A. A. Covell.  
L. B. Kimball.

**PAP WILLIAMS POST NO. 15, LUDINGTON.**

Chartered May 26, 1880.

Membership 57.

*Delegate.*

\*Wm. H. Kimball.

Commander, \*Robt. B. Patterson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wm. G. Hudson.  
H. C. Ransom.  
J. E. Smith.  
J. Shackelton.  
Wm. H. Kimball.  
M. Brayman.  
F. J. Dowland.

Chas. Olson.  
A. C. Hawley.  
G. M. Chase.  
S. H. Gleason.  
Pelig Ewing.  
\*H. B. Smith.

**SEDWICK POST NO. 16, EVART.**

Chartered August 24, 1880.

Membership 55.

*Delegate.*

Haynes Wainer.

Commander, \*Daniel Farrington.

*Alternate.*

E. W. Delameter.

*Past Commanders.*

Orin Button.  
Ed Cox.  
G. W. Gardner.  
W. S. Lewis.  
S. E. Skutt.  
O. M. Bush.  
\*E. C. Cannon.  
S. E. Kirley.

\*W. J. Manley.  
A. A. Smith.  
Chas. Coppins.  
J. R. Foster.  
H. S. Keath.  
Jos. Powell.  
D. E. Wort.

**FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.**

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 341.

*Delegates.*

H. A. Backus.  
\*A. S. McWilliams.  
\*C. A. Bartlett.  
\*O. D. Kingsley,  
John Moody.  
\*R. McWilliams.  
\*Sam B. Dixon.

Commander, Edward E. Thayer.

*Alternates.*

E. Muffit.  
J. J. Downey.  
\*J. D. Elderkin.  
W. N. Stevens.  
S. S. Russell.  
M. Emmons.  
W. C. Stilwell.

*Past Commanders.*

E. O. Durfee.  
W. P. Sumner.  
\*Wm. Davey.  
\*W. Hart.  
H. B. Eggeman.  
G. L. Holmes.  
A. V. Phister.  
C. K. Radcliff.  
D. G. Genny.  
J. Gill.  
B. R. Finlayson.  
\*T. Davey.  
W. C. Claxton.  
\*D. S. Kimball.  
H. B. White.

\*D. G. Crotty.  
J. Lachine.  
A. L. Sawyer.  
M. Green.  
\*Carl Engle.  
M. P. Hatcher.  
\*J. Renton.  
J. Reid.  
J. T. Spillane.  
\*J. A. Lane.  
C. J. Pierce.  
S. Jasnowski.  
\*A. C. Blair.  
C. W. Yates.

**M'PHERSON POST NO. 18, TRAVERSE CITY.**

Chartered May 21, 1881.

Membership 73.

*Delegates.*

\*L. K. Cleveland.  
\*Harvey Curtis.

Commander, F. D. Marvin.

*Alternates.*

W. W. Dean.  
C. A. Hannaford.

*Past Commanders.*

M. D. Morgan.  
C. S. Vader.  
D. G. Shorter.

Levi Soule.  
O. P. Carver.  
L. W. Lyon.

**A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.**

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 66.

*Delegate.*

C. E. Schermerhorn.

Commander, J. C. Todd.

*Alternate.*

W. L. Zook.

*Past Commanders.*

G. M. Harvey.  
C. C. Phillips.  
\*O. A. Reynolds.  
D. W. Hall.

A. Chapman.  
Thos. Horton.  
B. Merriman.

**ELLSWORTH POST NO. 20, HARTFORD.**

Chartered June 20, 1881.

Membership 51.

Commander, Jessie Thomas.

*Delegate.*

Allen Olds.

*Alternate.*

Henry H. Woods.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Henry Spaulding.  
Eber Hart.  
M. C. White.  
William Bennett.  
A. P. Shaw.

H. L. Stratton.  
Allen Olds.  
Daniel Pool.  
John S. Heald.

**A. W. CHAPMAN POST NO. 21, ST. JOSEPH.**

Chartered July 18, 1881.

Membership 57.

Commander, W. A. Preston.

*Delegate.*

W. P. Ward.

*Alternate.*

Leroy Lameron.

*Past Commanders.*

\*J. J. Drake.

John Lane.

**WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.**

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 27.

Commander, John Shook.

*Delegate.*

William Conradt.

*Alternate.*

W. F. Hurlburt.

**EDWIN COLWELL POST NO. 23, BLOOMINGDALE.**

Chartered August 29, 1881.

Membership 25.

Commander, J. T. Robinson.

*Delegate.*

John Decker.

*Alternate.*

Charles Clark.

*Past Commanders.*

James McDowell.  
Stephen Martin.  
Frank Cooley.

J. N. Edwards.  
Geo. Wilson.

**COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.**

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 59.

Commander, Ernest Winters.

*Delegate.*

\*A. F. Andrews.

*Alternate.*

S. K. Freeman.

*Past Commanders.*

\*L. V. Curry.  
A. H. Marsh.  
J. M. Ripley.

V. C. Smith.  
William Butcher.  
Chas. Sadden.

**DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.**

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 41.

Commander, \*G. W. Wilt.

*Delegate.*

\*Luther E. Fry.

*Alternate.*

Geo. W. Scott.

*Past Commanders.*

J. F. Wotring.  
G. W. Scott.  
L. E. Fry.  
\*C. T. Cheney.  
Amos Wilt.  
\*Fred Bay.  
\*C. L. Blake.

\*J. M. Robb.  
Robt. Service.  
\*Geo. W. Dickerson.  
A. J. Hodges.  
\*G. W. Hecket.  
\*William Emmons.  
\*A. S. Bradley.

**JOE HOOKER POST NO. 36, HART.**

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 46.

Commander, S. D. Young.

*Delegate.*

W. A. Rounds.

*Alternate.*

S. Thorp.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Collier.  
Casper Rechter.  
H. A. Waldron.  
J. H. Slater.

Geo. F. Dennison.  
B. F. Archer.  
W. J. McRae.  
J. W. Montgomery.

**BUENSIDE POST NO. 37, DECATUR.**

Chartered September 19, 1881.

Membership 43.

Commander, H. B. Myers.

*Delegate.*

A. Turner.

*Alternate.*

G. W. Owen.

*Past Commanders.*

G. W. Lusk.  
W. H. White.  
R. Colbetzor.

L. D. Roberts.  
C. W. Willson.

**A. L. CARVER POST NO. 38, HEMLOCK.**

Chartered August 2, 1894.

Membership 21.

Commander, James D. Smith.

*Delegate.*

\*John Wendt.

*Alternate.*

Edwin Goodspeed.

*Past Commanders.*

T. M. Champlin.  
\*Charles Burnham.  
A. T. Cooper.

\*Calvin Sylvester.  
Jedd Bennett.

**CHAMPLIN POST NO. 39, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Chartered September 9, 1881.

Membership 42.

Commander, E. F. Covell.

*Delegate.*

Edward Pyard.

*Alternate.*

Wm. W. Reed.

*Past Commanders.*

Eber Rice.  
Samuel White.

Hiram Madden.  
Alvin D. Porter.

**GARFIELD POST NO. 30, COLMA.**

Chartered October 10, 1881.

Membership 22.

Commander, W. Wood.

*Delegate.*

C. H. Sim.

*Alternate.*

P. O. Bowe.

*Past Commanders.*

W. A. Baker.  
S. Clark.  
A. Newton.

J. A. Brown.  
Geo. Garrett.

**BROADHEAD POST NO. 31, PAW PAW.**

Chartered October 21, 1881.

Membership 41.

Commander, \*John Reed.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

\*H. A. Chapin.

B. F. Heckert.

J. F. Bullard.

Daniel Spicer.

**FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.**

Chartered November 3, 1881.

Membership 98.

Commander, W. R. Wickham.

*Delegates.*

*Alternate.*

C. E. Manchester.

\*Horace Hayes.

Geo. W. Warner.

\*C. H. Browning.

*Past Commanders.*

A. W. Alvord.

Wm. Dowsett.

A. Griswold.

R. M. Bellinger.

\*J. W. Taylor.

S. S. French.

\*Wm. A. Vickery

G. M. Hodges.

J. G. Bohnett.

A. B. Simpson.

S. M. Holton.

A. S. Parker.

**COL. MYRON BAKER POST NO. 33, MORENCI.**

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 37.

Commander, Wm. Onweller.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

\*John D. Hanna.

Alfred B. Whitney.

*Past Commanders.*

U. Smith.

Geo. N. Chappell.

Fred Denson.

Fred B. Sheffield.

**W. G. EATON POST NO. 34, OTSEGO.**

Chartered November 10, 1881.

Membership 27.

Commander, Oliver Wise.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

**ZACH. CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.**

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 82.

Commander, James Martin.

*Delegates.*

*Alternates.*

\*H. P. Barnum.

B. F. Dean.

G. L. Green.

Martin Miner.

*Past Commanders.*

\*T. Biddle.

J. S. Hicks.

Herrick Hodges.

Geo. O. Chapman.

L. K. Jillson.

Jos. Martin.

J. S. Donahue.

A. N. Cook.

\*W. S. Bradley.

H. J. Dodge.

**GEORGE L. MEAD POST NO. 36, BERRIEN CENTER.**

Chartered December 29, 1881.

Membership 16.

Commander, Henry Hess.

*Delegates.*

*Alternates.*

*Past Commanders.*

B. H. Rutter.

M. A. Hand.

M. J. Nelson.

\*J. K. P. McCullough.

S. L. Snavley.

J. H. Booth.

P. E. O'Brien.

**STANTON POST NO. 37, STANTON.**

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 30.

Commander, John Lorson.

*Delegate.*

F. M. Warner.

*Alternate.*

\*John Hall.

*Past Commanders.*

H. H. Hinds.  
J. A. Crocker.  
J. T. Pickard.  
T. M. Smith.  
T. S. Finch.

Edson Pickill.  
F. M. Warner.  
J. A. Kellogg.  
H. V. Hallett.

**SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.**

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 73.

Commander, Joseph Seeman.

*Delegate.*

Theo. S. Hill.

*Alternate.*

Wm. J. Doxsee.

*Past Commanders.*

\*W. G. Gage.  
E. S. Pease.  
E. F. Guild.  
H. Coleman.  
\*C. H. Peters.  
\*D. K. Halsey.  
\*Jas. T. Hale.  
\*T. T. Hubbard.  
\*Riley L. Jones.  
\*Wm. H. Presser.  
\*Robert Dederick.  
\*Henry Fiegl.

D. F. Leonard.  
\*Wm. S. Little.  
Hugh McLean.  
\*Gordon T. Converse.  
\*Samuel Kitchen.  
\*Wm. W. Morgan.  
\*M. E. Keller.  
\*Fayette Wyckoff.  
\*O. S. Bishop.  
Chas. P. Colon.  
P. J. Sensabaugh.  
C. F. Schuetler.

**KILPATRICK POST NO. 39, BERRIEN SPRINGS.**

Chartered February 15, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, Mendell Wells.

*Delegate.*

Alonzo Slade.

*Alternate.*

R. Shriber.

*Past Commanders.*

Rosco D. Dix.  
D. G. W. Ganzler.

W. H. Miller.  
S. E. Hadlock.

**A. S. WILLIAMS POST NO. 40, CHARLOTTE.**

Chartered February 8, 1882.

Membership 108.

Commander, G. B. Allen.

*Delegates.*

\*Seth Robins.  
\*Nelson Drake.

*Alternates.*

Jasper Braden.  
Chas. B. Church.

*Past Commanders.*

D. B. Ainger.  
\*Wm. Jordan.  
Lewis A. Snell.  
\*J. D. Butler.

S. W. Harmon.  
Joseph Shaw.  
\*Wm. M. Beckman.  
\*Thos. J. Snow.

**R. P. CARPENTER POST NO. 41, CHELSEA.**

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 35.

Commander, G. J. Crowell.

*Delegate.*

A. U. Chapman.

*Alternate.*

E. R. Doane.



*Past Commanders.*

T. E. Wood.  
J. F. Harrington.  
E. Gorman.  
Rush Green.  
J. A. Palmer.

E. L. Negus.  
L. Reilly.  
A. W. Morton.  
A. Steger.  
Wm. Yocum.

**CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.**

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 195.

Commander, John A. Marvin.

*Delegates.*

\*Wm. A. Bolter.  
\*Lister J. Kenney.  
Marion F. Buck.  
John A. Wardell.

*Alternates.*

Chas. T. Lord.  
L. L. B. Hunt.  
E. H. Scutt.  
John Oatley.

*Past Commanders.*

Rush J. Shank.  
Wm. L. Reed.  
Frederick Schneider.  
Theo. E. Potter.  
\*Edwin R. Havens.  
\*James M. Slocum.  
Frank M. Howe.  
\*Wm. C. Nesen.  
Addison S. Boyce.  
James H. Baker.

I. N. Ashley.  
Lyman S. Russell.  
Richard Dobson.  
\*Allen S. Shattuck.  
\*Wm. W. Cook.  
Geo. J. Foster.  
Seymour Foster.  
Geo. W. Stone.  
Lewis A. Miller.

**SCOTT POST NO. 43, BLISSFIELD.**

Chartered February 16, 1882.

Membership 51.

Commander, \*N. T. Stoner.

*Delegate.*

\*David Lamley.

*Alternate.*

Horace Wood.

*Past Commanders.*

John Rentz.  
Peter Fisher.  
Frank A. Sperry.  
Geo. F. Ford.  
W. H. Colyer.  
\*H. H. Wilber.

Jas. K. Crane.  
Henry Rouse.  
Horace R. Wood.  
Wm. Ten Eyck.  
\*Edwin Youngs.

**ANSON SANFORD POST NO. 44, SANFORD.**

Chartered September 23, 1889.

Membership 13.

Commander, John M. Howe.

*Delegate.*

Gerdon Longenbarger.

*Alternate.*

Edward Francis.

*Past Commanders.*

John W. H. Brooks.  
Hiram G. Thorington.  
John Verity.

Leonard Pawling.  
\*John F. Briggs.

**WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.**

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 112.

Commander, \*Wm. Jibb.

*Delegates.*

\*Frank M. Buck.  
\*John B. Davis.  
\*George Durfee.

*Alternates.*

Hope Welch.  
William Gunbert.  
Asa Aldrich.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Geo. R. Cochrané.  
 \*Willard Sterns.  
 Geo. W. Westerman.  
 \*B. F. Mattern.  
 Samuel Patten.  
 \*Stewart Ballon.  
 \*B. F. Graves.  
 \*Fred J. Buck.

S. E. Graves.  
 \*D. B. Morgan.  
 Peter A. Beck.  
 \*W. T. Bradley.  
 Geo. Austin.  
 John B. Allen.  
 L. O. Salsbury.  
 \*Henry Mickley.

**JACOB G. FREY POST NO. 46, GANGES.**

Chartered February 26, 1882.

Membership 12.

Commander, H. H. Goodrich.

*Delegate.*

H. C. Dow.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Clapp.

*Past Commanders.*

G. T. Clapp.  
 W. H. Dunn.  
 H. C. Dow.

G. D. Deane.  
 W. H. Hess.  
 J. P. Eddy.

**W. C. GILBERT POST NO. 47, DOWAGIAC.**

Chartered March 11, 1882.

Membership 35.

Commander, J. R. Edwards.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.**

Chartered March 9, 1882.

Membership 200.

Commander, C. H. Haskins.

*Delegates.*

Thos. Daniels.  
 \*Dan Beardsley.  
 \*DeLos Ellis.  
 J. A. Gifford

*Alternates.*

Hiram Bailey.  
 Sam'l Raven.  
 O. W. Pierce.  
 Jacob Dawson.

*Past Commanders.*

T. H. Williams.  
 \*A. D. Welling.  
 A. Dorr Blakeman.  
 \*O. F. Kaywood.  
 \*Albert Dunham.  
 W. E. Morris.  
 \*Geo. S. White.  
 \*M. S. Redfield.  
 \*W. W. Hitchcock.

J. L. Sample.  
 S. B. Davis.  
 \*D. J. Willson.  
 J. D. Jewell.  
 Geo. Cottrill.  
 \*W. W. Hitchcock.  
 \*H. H. Allen.  
 Wm. H. Porter.

**WADSWORTH POST NO. 49, LAWRENCE.**

Chartered March 16, 1882.

Membership 28.

Commander, Chas. Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***JOHN T. REYNOLDS POST NO. 52, PENTWATER.**

Chartered November 18, 1887.

Membership 20.

Commander, T. O. Gardner.

*Delegate.*

D. B. Gardner.

*Alternate.*

J. H. Beckwith.

*Past Commanders.*

T. O. Gardner.  
W. A. Clark.

O. M. Inman.

**PHIL M'KERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.**

Chartered April 8, 1882.

Membership 35.

Commander, W. J. Adams.

*Delegate.*

\*Hugh Blakely.

*Alternate.*

Fred Hines.

*Past Commanders.*

T. M. Saraw.  
Hugh Blakely.  
G. L. Barnaby.

S. C. Parker.  
E. S. Baldwin.  
C. C. Freeland.

**O. P. MORTON POST NO. 54, MANTON.**

Chartered April 15, 1882.

Membership 17.

Commander, A. A. Clawson.

*Delegate.*

R. A. Corey.

*Alternate.*

Ellis Bradburn.

*Past Commanders.*

Hera Ellsworth.

Edward Morgan.

**CAPT. H. BARROWS POST NO. 55, ARMADA.**

Chartered June 4, 1895.

Membership 23.

Commander, Homer A. Sperry.

*Delegate.*

Amos Finch.

*Alternate.*

Marion Bates.

*Past Commanders.*

Peter B. Cade.  
Homer A. Sperry.  
Marion Bates.  
L. J. Compton.  
A. S. Hathaway.

Frederick Klusendorf.  
Amos Finch.  
William Hamlin.  
Wm. B. Hamilton.

**C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.**

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 76.

Commander, John S. Curtis.

*Delegates.*

\*James C. Leggett.

\*Robert Foster.

*Alternates.*

Mortimer Culver.  
Louis Belinger.

*Past Commanders.*

W. W. Warner.  
N. W. Houser.  
Geo. Cady.  
J. W. Eley.

A. C. Esterbrook.  
B. D. Pritchard.  
L. W. Belinger.  
Parley Main.

**THOMAS MANNING POST NO. 57, MARCELLUS.**

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 83.

Commander, R. T. Streeter.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**G. W. ANDERSON POST NO. 58, DE WITT.**

Chartered April 25, 1882.

Membership 15.

Commander, Thos. H. Baldwin.

*Delegate.*

\*John Siple.

*Alternate.*

J. R. Beadle.

*Past Commanders.*

Allen Dryer.  
H. E. Howell.

G. W. Stimson.

**A. COLVIN POST NO. 59, GOBLEVILLE.**

Chartered May 22, 1882.

Membership 27.

Commander, L. S. Lee.

*Delegate.*

*Past Commanders.*

*Alternate*

**DEWEY POST NO. 60, LESLIE.**

Chartered May 25, 1882.

Membership 47.

Commander, \*A. A. Lumbard.

*Delegate.*

C. F. Medsker.

*Alternate.*

\*James Coon.

*Past Commanders.*

L. S. Rice.  
H. Laberteaux.  
J. B. Scovel.

W. D. Longyear.  
R. C. Bishop.

**C. F. DOOBE POST NO. 61, GAYLORD.**

Chartered May 19, 1882.

Membership 15.

Commander, N. L. Parmeter.

*Delegate.*

L. W. Lyon.

*Alternate.*

\*Geo. H. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Wm. H. Smith.  
Orson Higley.  
Philip Sparr.

L. W. Lyon.  
Benj. F. Ordway.

**JEWELL POST NO. 62, CEDAR SPRINGS.**

Chartered June 3, 1882.

Membership 28.

Commander, J. T. Pomeroy.

*Delegate.*

Philo Borst.

*Alternate.*

Silas T. Church.

*Past Commanders.*

D. G. Dove.  
L. Bearss.

J. D. Jackson.  
\*Miles Mulford.

**G. K. WARNER POST NO. 63, EAST TAWAS.**

Chartered June 20, 1882.

Membership 37.

Commander, F. E. Hayes.

*Delegate.*

Reuben Wade.

*Alternate.*

Amos Lake.

*Past Commanders.*

L. B. Smith.  
J. E. Hill.  
Geo. Hills.  
B. F. Oakes.  
F. E. Haines.

Wardwell Chase.  
J. M. Walker.  
S. C. Williams.  
Wm. Youngs.

**FRANK GRAVES POST NO. 64, NILES.**

Chartered June 19, 1882.

Membership 34.

Commander, A. E. Dodge.

*Delegate.*

*Past Commanders.*

*Alternate.*

**W. J. MAY POST NO. 65, JONES.**

Chartered July 24, 1882.

Membership 25.

*Delegate.*

David Houser.

Commander, S. P. King.

*Alternate.*

Samuel Sherry.

*Past Commanders.*

Luther Kinney.  
D. Trattels.  
A. D. Congdon.  
A. P. Beeman.

T. P. Ayers.  
I. S. Pound.  
L. H. Scott.  
H. H. Bowen.

**STEVENS POST NO. 65, EAST JORDAN.**

Chartered December 4, 1882.

Membership 24.

*Delegate.*

Aldrich Townsend.

Commander, J. H. Kocher.

*Alternate.*

Ira Miles.

*Past Commanders.*

J. W. Rogers.  
L. C. Madison.

Wm. Jaquays.  
Geo. J. Bowen.

**U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.**

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 66.

*Delegate.*

\*August Meisel.

Commander, Wm. Hubbard.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Clark.

*Past Commanders.*

\*H. C. Green.  
\*Frank Berdan.  
\*C. L. Collins.  
\*Pat. Gibbons.  
\*James Van Kleeck.  
\*J. P. Day.

\*L. McHugh.  
\*Chas. Gossler.  
\*S. Willhelm.  
\*M. J. Borland.  
\*O. F. Kellogg.

**SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.**

Chartered June 27, 1882.

Membership 33.

*Delegate.*

B. B. White.

Commander, A. H. Towne.

*Alternate.*

Daniel Thurston.

*Past Commanders.*

Phil Penfield.  
W. P. Shafer.  
William Beaman.  
Wm. H. Barry.

F. A. Pitts.  
G. W. Carroll.  
J. D. Randall.  
Burr Pittinger.

**DWIGHT MAY POST NO. 69, MIDLAND.**

Chartered June 29, 1882.

Membership 48.

*Delegate.*

\*Robt. Clark.

Commander, Wm. Patterson.

*Alternate.*

F. E. Butters.

*Past Commanders.*

J. W. Snell.  
Geo. H. Richardson.  
Alton P. Beardsley.  
True Hart.

T. B. Main.  
Wm. L. Stearns.  
Henry Northway.

**ED. M. PRUTZMAN POST NO. 72, THREE RIVERS.**

Chartered September 7, 1882.

Membership 45.

Commander, Geo. A. Prutzman.

*Delegate.*

Jackson Young.

*Alternate.*

A. W. Snyder.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Bumphrey.

James Bouton.

S. M. Snyder.

Jeff. P. McKey.

W. C. Parler.

James L. Haines.

\*Russell R. Pealer.

A. A. Udehl.

\*Bishop E. Andrews.

**A. B. STURGIS POST NO. 73, STURGIS.**

Chartered September 1, 1882.

Membership 32.

Commander, A. A. Wilbur.

*Delegate.*

O. D. Russell.

*Alternate.*

H. E. Pierson.

*Past Commanders.*

E. S. Amedon.

Daniel Berger.

J. H. Whitmer.

L. J. Twitchell.

E. B. Cooke.

P. H. Van Vleck.

H. L. Anthony.

E. Zeigler.

**STERLING POST NO. 74, WAYLAND.**

Chartered August 31, 1882.

Membership 31.

Commander, Chas. B. Brown.

*Delegate.*

Cyrus R. Hollister.

*Alternate.*

J. W. P. Allen.

*Past Commanders.*

Peter Ross.

Solomon S. Fox.

John H. Peck.

John W. Moore.

Frank E. Pickett.

James M. Potts.

Jerry H. Sargent.

Albert W. Nash.

Varsol P. Fales.

Isaac N. Hoyt.

David Knowles.

**WETHERWAX POST NO. 75, GRAND HAVEN.**

Chartered September 13, 1882.

Membership 40.

Commander, Anthony Boet.

*Delegate.*

A. M. Van Wormer.

*Alternate.*

C. N. Dickerson.

*Past Commanders.*

C. E. Soule.

C. N. Dickenson.

Joseph Palmer.

Eugene Gardner.

G. A. Farr.

William Walters.

Orson Vanderhoef.

Wm. Kefgen.

Philander Palmer.

**JOSEPH R. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.**

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 52.

Commander, Adam Lahr.

*Delegate.*

J. Sorter.

*Alternate.*

L. Wade.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Spaulding.

H. Beisal.

C. L. Peck.

H. E. Austin.

F. B. Nelson.

C. Gruner.

J. Collins.

Wm. Hogans.

**FRANK HICKS POST NO. 78, DANSVILLE.**

Chartered September 18, 1882.

Membership 27.

Commander, \*A. L. Crossman.

*Delegate.*

W. W. Raymond.

*Alternate.*

William Cooper.

*Past Commanders.*

Andrew Beers.

C. F. Patrick.

O. L. Lathrop.

**ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.**

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 131.

Commander, Enoc Shaffer.

*Delegates.*

\*W. C. Shook.

Morris Kent.

S. H. Darrow.

*Alternates.*

David C. Oakes.

Chas. L. Leathers.

\*Chas. Forbes.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. M. Buck.

Jas. E. White.

Wm. F. Sherman.

P. H. Burke.

Delevan Arnold.

Geo. F. Larned.

J. D. Turner.

John D. Sumner.

Freeman Hall.

H. P. Shutt.

F. D. Root.

E. S. Bissell.

\*C. E. Foote.

Chas. Prange.

F. P. Muhlenberg.

Geo. Clark.

**HARLOW BRIGGS POST NO. 80, HOPKINS STATION.**

Chartered September 25, 1882.

Membership 29.

Commander, A. P. Varney.

*Delegate.*

\*Wesley McBride.

*Alternate.*

Harrison Miller.

*Past Commanders.*

\*John Hoffmaster.

D. S. Halstead.

**COL. JEFFORDS POST NO. 82, NASHVILLE.**

Chartered September 19, 1882.

Membership 36.

Commander, G. W. Perry.

*Delegate.*

S. B. Preston.

*Alternate.*

G. J. Long.

*Past Commanders.*

E. F. Evans.

W. S. Hecox.

Geo. Williams.

R. C. Smith.

Alex. Brown.

Wm. Boston.

E. D. Williams.

A. R. Williams.

**WM. A. KENT POST NO. 83, GREENVILLE.**

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 52.

Commander E. W. Blanchard.

*Delegate.*

R. H. Stevens.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Deary.

*Past Commanders.*

John Avery.

C. N. Herriman.

E. F. Graybill.

H. M. Caukin.

O. B. Green.

\*L. W. Sprague.

E. W. Blanchard.

O. W. Green.

A. J. Cole.

A. H. Bennett.

C. O. Jennison.

O. J. Cary.

**COL. BAKER POST NO. 84, KALKASKA.**

Chartered October 9, 1882.

Membership 58.

Commander, John E. Rainbow.

*Delegate.*

William Lewis.

*Alternate.*

Willard R. Parker.

*Past Commanders.*

Daniel P. Beebe.

James Harriott.

Jos. A. Mowbrey.

James Greacan.

Jas. M. Flagg.

John Lewis.

W. W. Whipple.

W. H. Bockes.

James W. Mosher.

W. J. Wilson.

Chas. H. DePuy.

James M. Steel.

**CHAS. WOODRUFF POST NO. 85, THREE OAKS.**

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership. 26.

Commander, C. H. Davis.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Chas. King.

*Past Commanders.*

Dwight Warren.

Isaiah Rynerson.

Fred F. Sovereign.

Wm. W. Smith.

**GEN. LYON POST NO. 86, MANCERLONA.**

Chartered October 10, 1882.

Membership 24.

Commander, H. C. Merdon.

*Delegate.*

James Blair.

*Alternate.*

Thomas Hazen.

*Past Commanders.*

H. B. Hudson.

I. O. Lyons.

J. W. Wallace.

David S. Davis.

D. W. Lazell.

**JOS. WILSON POST NO. 87, LOWELL.**

Chartered October 16, 1882.

Membership 56.

Commander, Benj. Morse.

*Delegate.*

F. B. Hoffman.

*Alternate.*

H. W. Booth.

*Past Commanders.*

S. B. Hicks.

Leonard H. Hunt.

**CORBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.**

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 55.

Commander, Henry Seymour.

*Delegate.*

\*C. B. Lowell.

*Alternate.*

John D. Parks.

*Past Commanders.*

L. L. Harsh.

R. M. Simmons.

M. F. Buell.

O. N. Dennison.

M. A. Merrifield.

J. M. Wells.

D. E. Youngs.

C. M. Hall.

M. E. Blair.

G. M. Blakewell.

**RANSOM POST NO. 89, FLUSHING.**

Chartered October 18, 1882.

Membership 23.

Commander, Chester Felton.

*Delegate.*

\*G. W. Darling.

*Alternate.*

C. H. Penoyer.



# TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## *Past Commanders.*

\*J. M. Greenfield.  
S. H. Thomas.  
C. H. Adams.  
\*W. V. Banning.  
John Wheeler.

W. J. Ottaway.  
Cyrus Phelps.  
Albert Crosby.  
\*C. M. Caldwell.

## **J. N. PENoyer POST NO. 90, SAGINAW. W. S.**

Chartered November 14, 1882.

Membership 48.

Commander, \*Henry Vance.

### *Delegate.*

J. H. Levenworth.

### *Alternate.*

\* Wm. Aharnes.

## *Past Commanders.*

\*O. F. Mosier.  
Albert Trask.  
N. S. Wood.  
\*C. A. Beelman.  
Fred Wellington.  
\*C. P. Burdick.

J. H. Wellington.  
C. F. Brand.  
\*N. B. Kinsey.  
\*J. P. Shermann.  
G. R. Grout.  
\*E. St. John.

## **WM. D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.**

Chartered October 25, 1882.

Membership 30.

Commander, \*L. B. Longwell.

### *Delegate.*

\*Geo. Wood.

### *Alternate.*

J. J. Marhoff.

## *Past Commanders.*

A. B. Darragh.  
\*Peter Shook.  
L. W. Beach.  
H. W. Forney.  
C. H. Crandall.  
\*Chas. Morrow.

Henry Davison.  
J. N. Robinson.  
L. B. Longwell.  
Willard Gray.  
L. L. Cornell.  
\*H. E. Histed.

## **WALLACE POST NO. 95, FLAT ROCK.**

Chartered December 9, 1882.

Membership 39.

Commander, \*Lawrence Fustel.

### *Delegate.*

\*F. M. Reide.

### *Alternate.*

## *Past Commanders.*

J. M. Van Riper.  
S. F. Smith.  
\*Albert W. Wagar.  
B. Parish.

J. R. Brown.  
W. B. Littlefield.  
C. Strewing.

## **CARTER POST NO. 96, UNION.**

Chartered December 21, 1882.

Membership 13.

Commander.

### *Delegate.*

### *Alternate.*

## *Past Commanders.*

## **JOHN J. BAGLEY POST NO. 97, HERSEY.**

Chartered December 27, 1882.

Membership 12.

Commander, L. F. Corey.

### *Delegate.*

Geo. I. Hale.

### *Alternate.*

I. N. Owens.

*Past Commanders.*

M. A. Laffler.  
Wm. B. C. Pitts.  
Wm. D. Lovell.

M. A. Corey.  
P. A. Hall.

**WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.**

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 60.

Commander, Harvey Hyde.

*Delegate.*

E. G. Spalding.

*Alternate.*

L. B. Rice.

*Past Commanders.*

E. S. Post.  
L. A. Sherman.  
\*E. S. Pittit.  
Geo. W. Howe.  
W. H. Brown.  
L. D. Kinney.

C. W. Higgins.  
C. V. W. Brokaw.  
J. W. Burns.  
G. B. Windover.  
A. S. Welsher.

**M. W. DRESSER POST NO. 100, LYONS.**

Chartered January 10, 1883.

Membership 29.

Commander, T. H. Steadman.

*Delegate.*

\*Alfred S. Bennett.

*Alternate.*

John Ashley.

*Past Commanders.*

Ezra N. Thayer.  
\*B. H. Stevens.  
Geo. W. Terry.

J. R. Dougherty.  
Chas. W. Lung.

**MOSES WISNER POST NO. 101, ITHACA.**

Chartered January 13, 1883.

Membership 56.

Commander, K. P. Peet.

Wm. Sell.

P. D. Pittit.

*Past Commanders.*

N. C. Sutliff.  
\*W. H. Beasley.  
Wm. L. Phillips.  
\*E. B. Killee.  
Thomas Crofford.  
John Barnes.  
A. W. Russell.

James Donaldson.  
E. F. Doty.  
\*J. B. Yarbough.  
Israel Sayles.  
G. W. Todd.  
Wm. Stahl.  
W. J. Clark.

**ELI. P. ALEXANDER POST NO. 103, WILLIAMSTON.**

Chartered January 16, 1883.

Membership 39.

Commander, Richard Wiggins.

*Delegate.*

Wm. L. Robinson.  
H. M. Bigelow.  
Mathias Coad.

*Alternate.*

R. Wiggins.  
Chas. E. West.  
Milo Vannetter.

*Past Commanders.***GEO. A. WINANS POST NO. 104, OVID.**

Chartered February 8, 1883.

Membership 39.

Commander, W. G. Hunter.

*Delegate.*

W. B. Parker.

*Alternate.*

Paul Wilber.

*Past Commanders.*

W. G. Hunter.  
John A. Hubbell.  
A. R. Doyne.  
Luther Stone.  
John Ling.

S. B. Southworth.  
Cyrus Sherman.  
Hiram W. Treat.  
Chas. Cowan.

**WORTH POST NO. 106, TEKONSHA.**

Chartered February 15, 1883.

Membership 14.

*Delegate.* Commander, Wm. Gribbens.

C. H. Mills.

*Alternate.*

R. Elon Eldred.

*Past Commanders.*

Willard Whitney.  
William Gribbens.

Wm. H. Davis.  
Geo. Blashfield.

**TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.**

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 31.

*Delegate.* Commander, Albert Shotwell.

Chas. H. Holcomb.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Andrew Pray.  
N. P. Bateman.

O. G. Andrews.

**EARL HALBERT POST NO. 108, GRAND LEDGE.**

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 37.

*Delegate.* Commander, Andy McKelvey.

\*E. O. Russell.

*Alternate.*

August E. Elliott.

*Past Commanders.*

J. S. Holmes.  
E. Wallace.  
W. D. Southworth.  
H. L. Bigelow.  
B. F. Sanborn.

E. J. Wells.  
A. G. Kennedy.  
Henry Newsom.  
Oliver Wright.

**BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.**

Chartered March 9, 1883.

Membership 143.

*Delegates.* Commander, Heseekiah Sweet.

Edwin E. Lewis.  
C. W. Bennett.  
H. Timerson.

*Alternates.*

Steuben Filkins.  
Andrew Pander.  
J. F. Burns.

*Past Commanders.*

H. A. Reynolds.  
Geo. H. Turner.  
Henry Firth.  
H. C. Simons.  
L. A. Dillingham.  
\*Alfred Milnes.  
B. K. Robbins.

C. W. Bennett.  
T. S. Osborn.  
Chas. R. Thompson.  
F. D. Newberry.  
H. H. Benson.  
B. F. Rolph.  
Geo. A. Russell.

**DE GOLYER POST NO. 110, HUDSON.**

Chartered March 12, 1883.

Membership 32.

*Delegate.* Commander, \*J. K. Periman.

E. H. Eastman.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Swift.

*Past Commanders.*

R. A. Beach.  
J. H. Dwyer.  
Fred Barkway.

J. K. Periman.  
C. H. Eastman.  
\*Edwin Camp.

**J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.**

Chartered March 14, 1883.

Membership 143.

Commander, Henry B. Olmstead.

*Delegates.*

\*B. K. Crandall.  
\*Amos Topliff.  
J. R. Norton.

*Alternates.*

\*John Thompson.  
L. D. Rodman.  
Gilbert Van Norsdall.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Geo. Norton.  
\*H. B. Olmsted.  
\*W. D. Brainard.  
\*Eli Cook.  
Geo. Noble.  
\*Jasper Rolph.  
\*Ross West.

\*D. M. Braman.  
\*James Umborgan.  
\*L. W. Fowler.  
\*H. J. Milburn.  
\*Alonzo Cheney.  
\*C. B. Fowler.  
\*J. J. Holmes.

**JOHN CRYDERMAN POST NO. 112, MULLIKEN.**

Chartered March 16, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, Pomeroy Canfield.

*Delegate.*

W. W. Thompson.  
L. H. Wilcox.

*Past Commanders.**Alternate.*

L. D. Fisher.

**MILES POST NO. 113, ST. CLAIR.**

Chartered March 15, 1883.

Membership 13.

Commander, David P. Ingles.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.**Alternate.***JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLERVILLE.**

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 44.

Commander, \*W. M. Horton.

*Delegate.*

\*Marion Benjamin.

*Alternate.*

Sanford E. House.

*Past Commanders.*

D. C. Carr.  
Wm. M. Horton.  
G. D. Hamilton.  
\*Louis Cabley.  
A. H. Smith.

W. P. Stowe.  
O. P. Showers.  
\*C. E. Dunston.  
Geo. L. Fisher.

**ELLIOTT POST NO. 115, WHITE PIGEON.**

Chartered March 23, 1883.

Membership 10.

Commander, Daniel Saunter.

*Delegate.*

\*C. H. Farnham.

*Alternate.*

Adam Kline.

*Past Commanders.*

**D. G. ROYCE POST NO. 117, BYRON.**

Chartered March 22, 1883.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

\*J. Schweikert.

Commander, L. C. Kanouse.

*Alternate.*

R. Patterson.

*Past Commanders.*E. D. Welch.  
H. L. Bishop.  
\*G. LaDue.L. C. Kanouse.  
\*Wm. Close.  
M. D. Comstock.**H. H. NIMS POST NO. 118, LEXINGTON.**

Chartered March 31, 1883.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

Commander, M. J. Dowling.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*\*R. Papst.  
Oliver Yake.  
L. M. Brown.M. A. Dowling.  
Fred Keener.**BAXTER POST NO. 119, CHARLEVOIX.**

Chartered March 28, 1883.

Membership 36.

*Delegate.*

Edward H. Green.

Commander, Geo. W. Cook.

*Alternate.*

M. J. Stockman.

*Past Commanders.*E. H. Green.  
C. H. Whitford.  
E. B. Hodge.  
Robert Miller.H. Berdan.  
J. G. Reed.  
W. H. Collins.**WADELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.**

Chartered April 5, 1883.

Membership 49.

*Delegate.*

E. B. Smith.

Commander, E. D. Sargent.

*Alternate.*

A. J. McKean.

*Past Commanders.*G. W. Axtell.  
R. E. Parshall.  
Frank Jordan.  
Marshall Borden.  
Geo. Barnes.\*John McGiving.  
R. D. W. Woodworth.  
Asa Parshall.  
Calvin Wilcox.  
M. W. Dickinson.**PAP THOMAS POST NO. 121, CHESANING.**

Chartered April 6, 1883.

Membership 16.

*Delegate.*

\*Samuel W. Heald.

Commander, \*S. B. Vannocker.

*Alternate.*

\*A. H. Beers.

*Past Commanders.*Nathan R. Jersey.  
\*John Marshall.\*A. J. Wilson.  
\*H. T. Weaver.**CARVER POST NO. 123, FRANKFORT.**

Chartered April 7, 1883.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

E. Z. Guild.

Commander, C. C. Forney.

*Alternate.*

Wm. H. Wood.

*Past Commanders.*

John Hallabaugh.  
N. A. Parker.

John S. Perry.

**FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.**

Chartered April 11, 1883.

Membership 57.

Commander, \*W. H. Garrison.

*Delegate.*

Thomas Heany.

*Alternate.*

B. F. Gaskel.

*Past Commanders.*

Baker Shriner.  
J. W. Cutler.  
H. H. Trask.  
Hiram Palmater.  
M. B. Todd.  
H. Marble.  
Travers Philips.

Wm. Beam.  
Geo. Ingram.  
Frank A. Standley.  
Jos. C. Wardell.  
W. F. Hicks.  
Oliver Greenfield.  
D. E. Birdsall.

**DAN S. ROOT POST NO. 126, BELDING.**

Chartered April 14, 1883.

Membership 33.

Commander, Frank R. Chase.

*Delegate.*

Charles Ashby.

*Alternate.*

Geo. F. Brown.

*Past Commanders.*

B. F. Tower.  
W. R. Olds.  
C. M. Slayton.

Frank R. Chase.  
J. H. Heeney.

**"BILLY" BEGOLE POST NO. 127, MAPLE RAPIDS.**

Chartered April 15, 1883.

Membership 27.

Commander, J. E. Jones.

*Delegate.*

Robert Anderson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Robert Anderson.  
Geo. A. Archer.  
Thomas Anderson.

Dennis Wright.  
Perry S. Percy.  
J. A. Knickerbocker.

**B. G. HUTCHINSON POST NO. 129, FOWLER.**

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 10.

Commander, \_\_\_\_\_.

*Delegate.*

W. H. Buck.

*Alternate.*

C. Wellyoung.

*Past Commanders.*

F. A. Stowe.  
M. B. Drake.  
W. E. Hamilton.

Jesse Evarts.  
Wm. M. Young.  
W. J. Hammond.

**HENRY M. LIDDLE POST NO. 131, COLON.**

Chartered April 21, 1883.

Membership 33.

Commander, E. Kemmerling.

*Delegate.*

Bruce Wilcox.

*Alternate.*

Emanuel Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

E. P. Wellsley.  
W. H. H. Godfrey.  
John L. Lytle.  
William Boughton.  
Charles Clement.

H. H. Ward.  
W. T. Renner.  
John Hall.  
John Anderson.

**JOHN MEGARRAH POST NO. 132, PORTLAND.**

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 51.

Commander, J. D. Woodbury.

*Delegate.*

Dell Wade.

*Alternate.*

Wm. G. Minor.

*Past Commanders.*

\*E. M. Allen.

M. J. Whitney.

\*H. W. Holcomb.

H. C. Glines.

Vincent Taylor.

W. R. Norwood.

J. C. Blocksten.

H. Outwater.

John W. Van Horn.

\*Wm. G. Miner.

**SAMUEL JUDD POST NO. 133, NEWAYGO.**

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, J. H. Edwards.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***FRED W. WALKER POST NO. 134, MT. MORRIS.**

Chartered April 27, 1883.

Membership 10.

Commander, \*John Hughes.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*W. O. Boughton.

Wm. Barber.

E. F. Lamb.

\*M. W. Fairbanks.

D. Douglas.

A. Herrick.

J. C. C. Stephens.

E. Bache.

**BARTHOLOMEW POST NO. 136, NUNICA.**

Chartered May 11, 1883.

Membership 14.

Commander, E. R. Porter.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

James Stevenson.

James Wildy.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Bond.

A. G. Hayward.

John Castle.

T. W. Dandy.

E. Barden.

John Howard.

H. E. Plant.

John Eckhoff.

**WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.**

Chartered May 8, 1883.

Membership 53

Commander, \*Robt. L. Warren.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Geo. D. Grose.

\*John A. Cushing.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry S. Dean.

Robt. Campbell.

\*J. Q. A. Sessions.

Fred Pistorins.

J. M. Perkins.

Harrison Soule.

W. H. Jackson.

H. J. Pierson.

N. P. Jacobs.

A. F. Martin.

Chas. H. Manly.

Silas P. Hill.

\*W. R. Childs.

**E. M. JOHNSON POST NO. 138, FERRY.**

Chartered May 18, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, J. H. Critchett.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

P. W. Parish.

*Past Commanders.*

T. P. Landon.

**HORACE S. ROBERTS POST NO. 139, ALPENA.**

Chartered May 23, 1883.

Membership 34.

Commander, Frank White.

*Delegate.*

\*John C. Viall.

*Alternate.*

Frank Hassell.

*Past Commanders.*

J. J. Potter.

C. M. Demming.

C. B. Gruly.

Frank Hassell.

J. N. Kelly.

Samuel Malcomson.

**BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.**

Chartered May 18, 1881.

Membership 63.

Commander, John D. Shull.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Smith.

*Alternate.*

A. Morhman.

*Past Commanders.*

Jas. Karnes.

Elwill Camborn.

H. J. Sweet.

Geo. Swarts.

J. W. Wightman.

Miles Baldwin.

S. P. Hosmer.

G. S. Van Tyne.

A. W. Slayton.

Lemers Barnes.

W. P. Smalledge.

Chas. Davis.

I. N. Ingersoll.

\*H. W. Stevens.

L. B. Thompson.

\*Elmer Wilson.

**A. MACOMBER POST NO. 141, LAKEVIEW.**

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 30.

Commander, Hiram Cornwell.

*Delegate.*

C. S. Vining.

*Alternate.*

Harmon Rossman.

*Past Commanders.*

O. A. Adams.

John W. LaRue.

C. S. Vinning.

Leonard Rossman.

C. M. Moon.

B. S. Vest.

**WHITESIDES POST NO. 143, CARO.**

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Membership 12.

Commander, Lyman C. Grady.

*Delegate.*

E. D. Shader.

*Alternate.*

Chas. Alexander.

*Past Commanders.*

\*N. M. Richardson.

Alex. Reynick.

Geo. W. Baslow.

D. M. Macomber.

Jas. A. Connor.

A. C. Spaulding.

R. M. Ross.

J. P. Westfall.

**TURRELL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.**

Chartered May 29, 1883.

Membership 48.

Commander, \*O. S. Church.

*Delegate.*

\*E. A. Weston.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Barber.



*Past Commanders.*

L. W. Hinman.  
C. V. Austin.  
J. E. Mapes.  
\*Herman Dockham.  
Robt. King.  
W. P. Grover.

G. W. Cranston.  
\*F. McElroy.  
Louis O. Brient.  
Geo. B. Farquharson.  
Peter Bessette.

**GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.**

Chartered June 7, 1883.

Membership 142.

Commander, Thos. A. Willett.

*Delegates.*

\*Silas Collins.  
\*Chas. Baker.  
\*A. D. Luce.

*Alternates.*

M. P. Cook.  
E. A. Jennings.  
John McKercher.

*Past Commanders.*

O. F. Lockhead.  
\*M. C. Barney.  
\*Chas. L. Bentley.  
O. S. Thomas.  
Paul Countryman.  
John W. Begg.  
\*Frank E. Willetts.  
Ed. C. Marsh.  
\*Chas. W. Austin.

J. R. Benjamin.  
\*Geo. H. Hilton.  
\*Joseph Rush.  
Geo. E. Newell.  
\*Geo. Rabb.  
James H. Failing.  
Wm. M. Wheeler.  
\*Jas. W. Van Tassel.

**CAPT. WILSON POST NO. 146, WALDRON.**

Chartered June 8, 1883.

Membership 11.

Commander, \*W. B. Moore.

*Delegate.*

\*Chas. H. Gorsuch.

*Alternate.*

John Hoghlin.

*Past Commanders.*

A. Gibbs.  
C. H. Gorsuch.

S. W. Yeagley.

**DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.**

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Membership 69.

Commander, S. J. Cloonan.

*Delegate.*

Thomas Wyckoff.

*Alternate.*

\*Moses A. Moon.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. H. Morgans.  
John Benjamin.  
D. Judsen Hammend.  
D. S. Howard.

S. S. Mathews.  
L. D. Van Kleeck.  
B. J. Fuller.  
Lucine Loorie.

**DALEGREEN POST NO. 149, HOLTON.**

Chartered June 13, 1883.

Membership 21.

Commander, H. W. Crawford.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***RALPH ELY POST NO. 150, SHEPHERD.**

Chartered June 12, 1883.

Membership 22.

Commander, J. B. Northrop.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.***HENRY RICE POST NO. 151, SEBEWA.**

Chartered June 16, 1883.

Membership 8.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Sam Bigham.

*Alternate.*

G. E. Friend.

*Past Commanders.*Sam Bingham.  
G. E. Friend.

J. M. Bradley.

**WILLIAM MOYER POST NO. 152, ALMA.**

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 45.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Geo. Willard.

*Alternate.*

Chester Walker.

\*Geo. McCurdy.

*Past Commanders.*\*John Greig.  
V. M. Wilson.  
Ezra Robinson.  
E. N. Chadwick.L. Stevens.  
Francis Hawley.  
J. W. Holmes.  
Henry Wise.**HIEL P. CLARK POST NO. 153, SARANAC.**

Chartered July 2, 1883.

Membership 30.

*Delegate.*

Commander, W. H. Pinckney.

*Alternate.*

Samuel Bevese.

John P. Anderson.

*Past Commanders.*W. M. Davenport.  
E. P. Gifford.  
H. A. Harton.  
F. T. Haskin.Nathan Hubble.  
Eustis Hull.  
Marshal Tanner.  
A. W. Knee.**A. G. GALBRAITH POST NO. 154, DECKERVILLE.**

Chartered June 29, 1883.

Membership 14.

*Delegate.*

Commander, L. M. Taylor.

*Alternate.*

Robert Lee.

James Lane.

*Past Commanders.***GREGG POST NO. 155, HOMER.**

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 11.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Nathan D. Burton.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.**

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Membership 64.

*Delegate.*

Commander, W. M. Leland.

*Alternate.*

Geo. W. Liby.

H. M. Estis.

*Past Commanders.*

John W. Bradner.  
W. N. Stocker.  
W. F. Tromp.  
M. A. Kniffin.  
O. E. Wilson.  
N. S. Parmalee.

J. L. Ring.  
S. B. Daboll.  
H. S. Hart.  
J. E. Stone.  
D. S. French.

**ALBERT ANDERSON POST NO. 157, CASSOPOLIS.**

Chartered July 6, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, Norris Richardson.

*Delegate.*

\*H. C. Walker.

*Alternate.*

Thos. M. Seares.

*Past Commanders.*

M. A. Abbott.

Jas. M. Shepard.

**COLONEL ELY POST NO. 158, ELM HALL.**

Chartered July 10, 1883.

Membership 32.

Commander, August Wiser.

*Delegate.*

\*C. M. Guild.

*Alternate.*

A. N. Morton.

*Past Commanders.*

Seneca Sly.  
Geo. Rockafellow.  
N. K. Strayer.  
C. M. Guild.  
\*A. N. Maston.

C. A. Button.  
J. W. Fullerton.  
C. E. Prime.  
James Toy.

**HILL POST NO. 159, MIDDLEVILLE.**

Chartered July 11, 1883.

Membership 14.

Commander, D. W. Johnson.

*Delegate.*

J. W. Gould.

*Alternate.*

J. C. Boose.

*Past Commanders.*

A. A. Tewksbury.  
D. W. Johnson.  
Wm. McConnell.

H. B. Carveth.  
J. S. Johnson.  
J. W. Gould.

**HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.**

Chartered July 12, 1883.

Membership 37.

Commander, \*Wm. E. Jacobs.

*Delegate.*

\*Daniel Munger.

*Alternate.*

Simeon Anthony.

*Past Commanders.*

L. H. Wilcox.  
Geo. Morean.  
G. W. Mattoon.  
\*J. C. Thomas.  
J. J. Peacock.

A. Adams.  
Ed. Conley.  
Carl Pelton.  
Andrew Porter.  
Philip Kline.

**F. U. FARQUHAR POST NO. 162, DETROIT.**

Chartered July 20, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, John McCredie.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**EDWARD DWIGHT POST NO. 163, VERMONTVILLE.**

Chartered July 30, 1883.

Membership 42.

*Delegate.*

William Wright.

Commander, H. H. Brown.

*Alternate.*

I. C. Norton.

*Past Commanders.*

J. N. Hawkins.

C. F. Fuller.

D. M. Purchis.

C. S. Snell.

F. M. Potter.

**GEN. WOOL POST NO. 164, MORLEY.**

Chartered August 2, 1883.

Membership 22.

*Delegate.*

\*Felix Ludington.

Commander, D. C. King.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Chauncey Blossom.

O. S. Palmer.

R. D. Williamson.

Wm. A. Eddy.

F. E. Russell.

**O. COLGROVE POST NO. 166, MARSHALL.**

Chartered August 4, 1883.

Membership 75.

*Delegate.*

\*C. J. Lane.

Commander, Chas. F. Walter.

*Alternate.*

W. C. Hunt.

Geo. Herrington.

Geo. F. Waltz.

*Past Commanders.*

Ephram Marble.

Henry A. Clute.

Henry H. Miller.

John Cuzzins.

Arthur Phillips.

S. B. Thompson.

David Walkinshaw.

**MURRAY POST NO. 168, MAPLE CITY.**

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 25.

*Delegate.*

N. W. Harrington.

Commander, Abner S. Fritz.

*Alternate.*

John Dayo.

*Past Commanders.*

Marvin LaCore.

N. W. Harrington.

J. W. Dickerman.

Wm. Bickle.

A. S. Fritz.

John Dayo.

Chester McIntyre.

**LUMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.**

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Membership 75.

*Delegates.*

John Keep.

Commander, Wilbur F. Lawton.

*Alternates.*

Solomon R. Davis.

Geo. H. Smith.

Thos. B. Hamilton.

*Past Commanders.*

Jos. A. C. Rowan.

Edwin F. Duntun.

Ora E. Clark.

H. A. Crull.

Louis A. Labadie.

Alex. Worden.

V. A. Baker.

Levi B. Rogers.

Chas. B. Henika.

Albert L. Ruch.

Jas. Buckley.

Thos. Keyes.

\*Melvin Burch.

Edward W. Tracy.

Horace Pardee.

**DECATUR BELDING POST NO. 172, NORTH STAR.**

Chartered September 25, 1895.

Membership 10.

*Delegate.*

Commander, W. E. Robertson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***JULIUS T. BARETT POST NO. 173, CARSON CITY.**

Chartered August 22, 1883.

Membership 44.

*Delegate.*

Commander, G. D. Van Dusen.

*Alternate.*

A. R. Isham.

Jas. F. Fillmore.

*Past Commanders.*

C. H. Morse.  
 Geo. W. Garner.  
 L. M. Lyon.  
 E. M. Howell.  
 W. A. Sweet.  
 \*Jas. F. Fillmore.

Alex. McCuaig.  
 A. J. Chambers.  
 Geo. R. Gibbs.  
 G. D. VanDusen.  
 C. A. Hamlin.

**E. R. SILES POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.**

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 28.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Graham Pope.

*Alternate.*

Chas. Smith.

A. J. Scott.

*Past Commanders.*

A. J. Scott.  
 W. H. Mason.  
 Geo. Johnson.

Amos Jachnig.  
 H. B. Rogers.

**C. F. SMITH POST NO. 175, ESCANABA.**

Chartered September 1, 1883.

Membership 16.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Emil Glasser.

*Alternate.*

Maurice Boyl.

Richard Roberts.

*Past Commanders.*

A. H. Rolph.  
 Norman A. Eddy.  
 John Power.

John G. Walters.  
 Samuel Atkins.

**MONTCALM POST NO. 176, STANTON.**

Chartered December 6, 1895.

Membership 21.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Asa Morse.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***CHAS. S. TRAVERSE POST NO. 177, CAPAC.**

Chartered August 17, 1883.

Membership 22.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Fred Ross.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. C. Fairbrother.  
 R. C. McNaught.  
 Andrew Curry.  
 Chester Williams.

\*Ezra S. Frantz.  
 \*Wm. C. Huggett.  
 A. A. Smith.

**TOM CUSTER POST NO. 178, SHERIDAN.**

Chartered August 29, 1883.

Membership 19.

*Delegate.*

C. D. Harris.

Commander, Lorenzo Allen.

*Alternate.*

W. H. Jones.

*Past Commanders.*

Samuel Sage.

D. A. Pond.

Daniel Fero.

C. D. Harris.

**DEWITT C. RUSSELL POST NO. 179, BRIGHTON.**

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 24.

*Delegate.*

Commander, G. J. Baedcke.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Wm. W. Pentin.

H. P. Martin.

G. V. Baedcke.

Daniel Smith.

Mart Featherly.

Thos. Stoken.

James Shanks.

**CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.**

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Membership 63.

*Delegate.*

S. A. Ferguson.

Commander, Clinton S. Barrett.

*Alternate.*

H. S. Boutell.

*Past Commanders.*

E. P. Allen.

D. W. Shipman.

J. O. Chapman.

J. H. Woodman.

S. B. Merness.

\*H. S. Boutell.

J. F. Wise.

A. D. L. Kinsley.

Jerome Allen.

J. C. Tuttle.

Engene Holbrook.

Frank Joslyn.

**HEBER LE FAVOUR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.**

Chartered September 3, 1881.

Membership 107.

*Delegates.*

\*James Taylor.

*Alternates.*

\*Geo. W. Ormsby.

Chas. Beebechizer.

Marcus Clay.

*Past Commanders.*

Walter Crawford.

Robt. F. Potts.

Lyman Cate.

Geo. W. Sturdevant.

John W. Stevens.

Joseph Allen.

\*C. D. Stevens.

Judson Fielden.

Silas Bullard.

H. Walter Nichols.

Willis L. Smith.

\*Spencer D. Lee.

\*Alex. J. McCall.

H. A. Rexford.

Andrew Muir.

**HENRY DOBSON POST NO. 128, FREMONT.**

Chartered September 18, 1883.

Membership 72.

*Delegates.*

Chas. S. Adams.

*Alternates.*

J. R. Penny.

B. F. Preston.

Geo. Mills.

*Past Commanders.*

C. R. Rathbone.

A. M. Phelps.

E. E. Giddings.

F. A. Bacon.

Daniel Squiers.

S. G. Allen.

**J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 183, HOLLY.**

Chartered September 20, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, D. W. Thompson.

*Delegate.*

Wm. Highfield.

*Alternate.*

Dwight Hathaway.

*Past Commanders.*

Silas Fletcher.

Frank Downey.

\*D. W. Thompson.

L. M. Newell.

**JOHN BROWN POST NO. 184, DETROIT.**

Chartered September 24, 1883.

Membership 17.

Commander, Geo. W. Moore.

*Delegate.*

Benj. Williams.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Samuel Smith.

Isaac Fielder.

**HACKETT POST NO. 185, BRONSON.**

Chartered September 25, 1883.

Membership 46.

Commander, Geo. H. Bolton.

*Delegate.*

Miles L. Whipple.

*Alternate.*

C. W. Albertson.

*Past Commanders.*

Charles Hamilton.

\*Frank E. Hadley.

John Taggart.

James P. Allen.

Henry Lilly.

Wells Knapp.

David Gibbs.

Lyman Carpenter.

**FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.**

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Membership.

Commander, W. O. Davis.

*Delegate.**Alternate.***GEO. C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.**

Chartered October 5, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, Lucius Sanborn.

*Delegate.*

\*V. A. Bailey.

*Alternate.*

S. D. Gleason.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Geo. Thompson.

Geo. A. Cramton.

J. P. Suiter.

F. M. Goodale.

\*N. N. Green.

**WALLACE BROWN POST NO. 190, BIRCH RUN.**

Chartered October 12, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, John Irish.

*Delegate.*

\*William L. Moore.

*Alternate.*

Benj. Fisher.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Ferguson.

Victor B. Rottiers.

John Cook.

\*Richard M. Johnson.

Wm. H. H. Douglas.

Milton Hadsal.

**O. J. FAST POST NO. 193, MENDON.**

Chartered October 19, 1883.

Membership 20.

Commander, Henry Huff.

*Delegate.**Alternate.***JAMES BRADLEY POST NO. 194, CLIO.**

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 34.

Commander, Chas. Wolson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*A. D. Rundlet.

E. E. Ormsby.

*Past Commanders.*

Samuel L. Curry.

J. W. Buffinn.

W. H. Sargent.

E. E. Eckles.

W. H. Russell.

Geo. Van Nest.

**L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.**

Chartered October 28, 1883.

Membership 50.

Commander, Jerome Stone.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

William Stainlon.

Chas. W. Pierce.

*Past Commanders.*

Melvin Hayes.

Smith Miller.

Geo. Erwin.

James H. Hall.

George Beldon.

Chas. Hooper.

John Mahard.

E. F. Newell.

**JOHN TUCKER POST NO. 197, ORTONVILLE.**

Chartered November 2, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, William Moore.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*Geo. Brown.

J. F. Wilber.

*Past Commanders.*

Delos Adams.

\*Wm. H. Moore.

J. R. Kipp.

F. M. Jones.

**JAMES STEDMAN POST NO. 198, REED CITY.**

Chartered November 5, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, \*J. C. Oliver.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*S. V. Vanderhoof.

L. Frink.

*Past Commanders.*

S. C. Bratt.

David Randall.

Chas. Randall.

W. W. Corbett.

Daniel Donovan.

Charles Williams.

R. Russell.

Jerry Mann.

**PERRY BAKER POST NO. 200, CARLETON.**

Chartered November 15, 1883.

Membership 18.

Commander, Geo. H. Post.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Walter Viles.

C. Spicer.

*Past Commanders.*

H. D. Smith.

John Baker.

F. R. Hawley.

J. Fahnestock.

W. C. Watson.



**MCGINLEY POST NO. 201, MANISTEE.**

Chartered December 6, 1883.

Membership 30.

Commander, E. W. Muenschler.

*Delegate.*

C. D. Gardner.

*Alternate.*

T. P. Steadman.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. A. Hart.

Wm. F. Brain.

Allen McKee.

J. F. Albros.

**ALBERT NYE POST NO. 202, ROMEO.**

Chartered December 13, 1883.

Membership 27.

Commander, Freeborn H. Price.

*Delegate.*

O. S. Perry.

*Alternate.*

John J. Casey.

*Past Commanders.*

E. R. Sanderson.

William Smith.

Freeborn Price.

O. S. Perry.

O. D. Thompson.

George A. Hines.

S. Vandecer.

**G. H. EWING POST NO. 203, STOCKBRIDGE.**

Chartered December 14, 1883.

Membership 24.

Commander, E. G. Pierce.

*Delegate.*

E. G. Pierce.

*Alternate.*

A. C. Norton.

*Past Commanders.*

E. B. Parks.

Lucius Bowdish.

\*A. G. Miller.

W. H. Collins.

F. A. Stephen.

**L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.**

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 77.

Commander, Duane C. Cooper.

*Delegates.*

\*C. Jackson.

*Alternates.*

Theron Gladden.

H. C. Everett.

Wellington White.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. Freeman.

\*W. R. Smith.

A. B. Crane.

Robert Gray.

\*Julius Frieske.

\*John Q. Adams.

Wm. H. Beatty.

Thos. M. Wiley.

O. F. Webster.

Wm. Guipe.

Chas. L. Paris.

J. J. Mackey.

J. H. Moyses.

S. W. Sadler.

\*M. C. Dawes.

**MAJOR WEBER POST NO. 260, BELLAIRE.**

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Membership 38

Commander, Wm. J. May.

*Delegate.*

John W. Elison.

*Alternate.*

John Bush.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry W. Stewart.

Silas York.

Roswell Leavitt.

James C. Abbott.

Arthur Watkins.

Elijah Baker.

**GEO. A. CUSTER POST NO. 208, GALIEN.**

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership. 21

Commander, W. F. Swem.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***ELI ALVORD POST NO. 209, MONTGOMERY.**

Chartered December 27, 1883.

Membership 19.

Commander, Robt. Kelso.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

E. A. Cahon.

R. V. Braman.

*Past Commanders.*

F. R. Fitzsimmons.

C. J. Reynolds.

C. W. Hall.

**E. H. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 56.

Commander, Wm. M. Loder.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Jacob Mays.

Samuel Horton.

*Past Commanders.*

O. G. Hubbard.

W. M. Loder.

S. D. Wiley.

Wm. Hastings.

W. E. Bregette.

F. E. Palmer.

J. H. Perine.

\*H. F. Gilbert.

C. F. Smith.

J. O. Banks.

**WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.**

Chartered December 28, 1883.

Membership 114.

Commander, F. S. Hutchinson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

M. H. Amphlett.

\*Samuel Kelley.

J. J. Hagerman.

W. S. Sanderson.

*Past Commanders.*

J. H. Kidd.

J. L. Fowle.

M. M. Currier.

\*M. L. Pike.

James H. Laden.

D. A. Jewell.

\*O. H. Perry.

Chas. Eyster.

C. A. Cornell.

**JOS. B. MASON POST NO. 213, BELLEVUE.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 38.

Commander, A. W. Gibson.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*R. B. Bishop.

Alex. McKenzie.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Berchard.

F. Hughes.

L. B. Cook.

R. B. Bishop.

Alex. McKenzie.

H. Dilno.

G. F. Anson.

Geo. P. Stevens.

Wm. Hawley.

**WM. RICHARDSON POST NO. 314, MILLINGTON.**

Chartered January 4, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, \*L. J. Beers.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*B. F. Crampton.

B. B. Rearm.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Samuel Atwood.  
Elijah Howard.  
Freeman J. Fitsworth.  
Irving Van Wagnor.  
\*Wm. I. Markes.  
\*John A. Case.  
Edward Caine.

Alford Bingham.  
P. P. Cone.  
Ruben Wilber.  
Wm. N. Storms.  
Sheldon Webster.  
\*Wm. J. Hains.

**JOSEPH SMITH POST NO. 215, FULTON.**

Chartered January 12, 1884.

Membership 26.

Commander, J. N. Barker.

*Delegate.*

John Weaver.

*Alternate.*

L. V. Lyon.

*Past Commanders.*

U. C. Case.  
Thos. Hope.  
Arthur Longman.  
A. A. Holcomb.

Warren Mullen.  
O. M. Gates.  
H. H. Kindig.

**H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**

Chartered January 7, 1884.

Membership 18.

Commander, Jay F. Cotton.

*Delegate.*

\*Gilbert LaCroix.

*Alternate.*

James Wade.

*Past Commanders.*

Judson S. Farrar.  
Wm. Jenney.  
Samuel True.  
Rozell Widrig.  
Louis A. Allor.  
Joseph Immen.

Geo. W. Robertson.  
\*James A. Price.  
M. L. Skillmann.  
Edwin Tharrett.  
August Steitzer.

**W. B. WELLS POST NO. 218, LUTHER.**

Chartered January 8, 1884.

Membership 45.

Commander, Wm. Judd.

*Delegate.*

John Grier.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. Woodruff.  
A. A. Miner.  
G. Gundrum.  
Jobe Bremer.

A. Ferris.  
J. W. Nicholson.  
N. R. Menold.

**HENRY BAXTER POST NO. 219, JONESVILLE.**

Chartered January 10, 1884.

Membership 7.

Commander, Martin Bliss.

*Delegate.*

C. R. Fisk.

*Alternate.*

Ely H. Reynolds.

*Past Commanders.*

S. J. Snook.  
Dorr Darling.

Wm. Cooley.

**BRADLEY POST NO. 221, HARRISON.**

Chartered January 16, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, H. W. Hughs.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**HENRY C. BEEBE POST NO. 223, RICHMOND.**

Chartered February 7, 1884.

Membership 24.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, A. M. Keeler.
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J. C. Davis.

*Alternate.*

E. S. Hunt.

*Past Commanders.*

Culver Patterson.

Alex. Van Brocklin.

A. M. Keeler.

S. H. Heath.

James Quick.

Cyrus Withey.

**BUDDOCK POST NO. 224, CHEBOYGAN.**

Chartered February 8, 1884.

Membership 49.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Geo. Brill.
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\*C. S. Ramsey.

*Alternate.*

E. A. Bouchard.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. P. Humphrey.

Philip O'Brien.

John Baker.

**GEO. MARTIN POST NO. 227, EAST PORT.**

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 29.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. Greenman.
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*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. S. Arnold.

**FAIRCHILD'S POST NO. 228, GRASS LAKE.**

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 20.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, John E. Erwin.
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*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***HARVEY TUCKER POST NO. 229, MARINE CITY.**

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. Kiddle.
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*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

John W. Oakley.

Isaac Colby.

Wm. Baird.

Emulus Adam.

Ira Marks.

Geo. Hornbusel.

Henry Manchester.

**EDDY POST NO. 231, PLYMOUTH.**

Chartered February 22, 1884.

Membership 10.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Walter Kenster.
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*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***MILO WARNER POST NO. 232, CASS CITY.**

Chartered February 27, 1884.

Membership 15.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, J. M. Fenn.
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*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Geo. S. Farrar.

**OSCAR BARTLETT POST NO. 233, WALES.**

Chartered February 4, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, \*Henry Maurer.

*Delegate.*

\*Wm. Baldock.

*Alternate.*

Chas. W. Fritz.

*Past Commanders.*

William Grunwell.

Henry Mauer.

Elihu Ackerman.

H. C. Mudge.

\*Wm. Smith.

\*Newell Bowers.

B. M. Jenne.

**O. H. READ POST NO. 234, HUBBARDSTON.**

Chartered March 4, 1884.

Membership 28.

Commander, E. H. Smith.

*Delegate.*

\*William Kemp.

*Alternate.*

William Brown.

*Past Commanders.*

E. H. Smith.

J. A. Churchill.

A. A. Moore.

H. W. Hitchcock.

H. W. Browne.

A. S. Harris.

E. C. Read.

Henry Grove.

**WALTER CLIFFORD POST NO. 235, BOYNE CITY.**

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, John A. Newvill.

*Delegate.*

Geo. Heaton.

*Alternate.*

A. E. Martin.

*Past Commanders.*

John A. Newvill.

F. M. Gates.

John Jones.

Wm. Mears.

**PETER A. WEBER POST NO. 237, ROCKFORD.**

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 23.

Commander, Chas. A. Jaqua.

*Delegate.*

E. W. Pain.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

E. C. Watkins.

A. L. Picket.

D. L. Reynolds.

C. F. Sears.

G. A. Sage.

James Eadie.

Chas. A. Haner.

**RANDALL POST NO. 238, COOPERSVILLE.**

Chartered March 13, 1884.

Membership 15.

Commander, Hiram Ames.

*Delegate.*

Henry Ferguson.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Haas.

*Past Commanders.*

John Jackson.

John Cavney.

Ezekiel Jewell.

Eli Karney.

**BYRON STODDARD POST NO. 239, CONCORD.**

Chartered March 27, 1884.

Membership 12.

Commander, A. V. Dean.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**MARVIN POST NO. 240, GRAYLING.**

Chartered March 20, 1884.

Membership 24.

*Delegate.*

\*Daniel S. Waldron.

Commander, \*O. Palmer.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Batleson.

*Past Commanders.*

O. Palmer.

Dell Smith.

\*A. L. Pond.

Wm. Woodburn.

A. C. Wilcox.

W. S. Chalker.

**LEONARD MAUCH POST NO. 241, WOODLAND.**

Chartered April 2, 1884.

Membership 16.

*Delegate.*

Z. A. Cornell.

Commander, Alson Hill.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Van Aman.

*Past Commanders.*

D. B. Kilpatrick.

John H. Rogers.

J. M. Reiser.

Nathaniel Whiting.

Joshua Dillenback.

J. H. Landis.

A. W. Dillenback.

Harrison Long.

**FRANK MASON POST NO. 242, ATHENS.**

Chartered April 5, 1884.

Membership 22.

*Delegate.*

Chas. C. Seavey.

Commander, H. T. Watkins.

*Alternate.*

Wm. H. Wilson.

*Past Commanders.*

B. F. Taylor.

Jas. Oldacre.

Herman T. Watkins.

Joel Lee.

**FIGHTING DICK POST NO. 243, SPARTA.**

Chartered April 5, 1884.

Membership 10.

*Delegate.*

A. Grawn.

Commander, W. L. Van Antwerp.

*Alternate.*

Calvin Crain.

*Past Commanders.*

A. B. Cheney.

A. Grawn.

**JOSEPH MASON POST NO. 248, WACOUSTA.**

Chartered April 25, 1884.

Membership 22.

*Delegate.*

Luther F. Conrad.

Commander, L. F. Conrad.

*Alternate.*

Geo. W. Watson.

*Past Commanders.*

Quincy L. Taylor.

Henry M. Burnes.

Geo. W. Watson.

Chas. F. Andrus.

**WA-BU-NO POST NO. 250, MT. PLEASANT.**

Chartered April 24, 1884.

Membership 62.

*Delegate.*

W. A. Carnahan.

Commander, H. E. Deuell.

*Alternate.*

James Hoag.

\*Chas. J. Jeffords.

Amos Wooden.

*Past Commanders.*

John A. Harris.

\*Warner Churchill.

H. E. Deuell.

Samuel R. Morrison.

**J. T. JONES POST NO. 252, HOWARD CITY.**

Chartered April 29, 1884.

Membership 50.

*Delegate.*

John C. Salmon.

Commander, L. L. Church.

*Alternate.*

John H. Engle.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. M. Doty.

O. J. Knapp.

C. Walling.

J. A. Dockeway.

J. N. Clark.

**LONSON POST NO. 255, MAYVILLE.**

Chartered May 29, 1884.

Membership 26.

*Delegate.*

\*Wm. Graubner.

Commander, \*A. L. Bryant.

*Alternate.*

Robert Fox.

*Past Commanders.*

A. B. Markham.

\*Geo. Richards.

\*J. R. Perry.

\*Geo. Pierce.

F. C. Michael.

F. H. Kitchen.

\*J. W. Janes.

**WM. M. FENTON POST NO. 256, ST. IGNAZ.**

Chartered June 21, 1884.

Membership 21.

*Delegate.*

Commander, P. D. Bissell.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Jessie Warren.

J. B. Tawlyn.

H. B. Cornell.

S. A. Snyder.

W. H. Cushing.

**A. STEWART POST NO. 259, LITCHFIELD.**

Chartered June 24, 1884.

Membership 33.

*Delegate.*

H. H. King.

Commander, L. A. Howard.

*Alternate.*

G. W. Dobson.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. Shepard.

Cor. Hadley.

Frank Barber.

E. A. Shattuck.

Chas. P. White.

Wm. Van Giesen.

O. H. Chapman.

**COREY POST NO. 261, WAYNE.**

Chartered July 12, 1884.

Membership 34.

*Delegate.*

S. L. Howard.

Commander, Duffy Duquett.

*Alternate.*

Frederick Shannon.

*Past Commanders.*

F. Walden.

J. M. Orr.

Leroy Adams.

S. R. Kingsley.

A. S. Hill.

Robert Bird.

A. W. Thompson.

Joseph Smith.

Peter Bird.

R. Monroe.

**A. C. VAN RAALTE POST NO. 262, HOLLAND.**

Chartered July 17, 1884.

Membership 39.

*Delegate.*

Commander, P. H. McBride.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

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**GEN. HARKER POST NO. 263, VANDERBILT.**

Chartered July 7, 1884.

Membership 19.

*Delegate.*

A. Van Auken.

Commander, \*John G. Berry.

*Alternate.*

E. W. Caldwell.

*Past Commanders.*

N. C. G. Ashley.

Royal Stone.

T. C. Woodin.

G. C. Crissey.

W. H. Claspill.

**JACKSON COREY POST NO. 264, WOLVERINE.**

Chartered June, 1904.

Membership 9.

*Delegate.*

Commander, O. M. Corey.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***LYON POST NO. 266, MENOMINEE.**

Chartered August 2, 1884.

Membership 35.

*Delegate.*

Ira Carley.

Commander, Chas. H. Jones.

*Alternate.*

A. W. Bill.

*Past Commanders.*

A. Whitehorn.

A. B. BeDell.

B. T. Phillips.

J. C. Sherman.

M. C. Caughey.

M. Durocher.

Andrew Gram.

Ira Carley.

A. B. Wells.

**MARK THOMPSON POST NO. 269, PLAINWELL.**

Chartered August 6, 1884.

Membership 49.

*Delegate.*

Chas. Macomber.

Commander, O. Tomlinson.

*Alternate.*

John H. Madden.

*Past Commanders.*

Chas. Mason.

John B. Swan.

Chas. Adams.

H. S. Stratton.

W. D. Talbot.

B. L. Kahler.

John H. Madden.

Arthur Hazelwood.

**F. A. BUHL POST NO. 270, ECORSE.**

Chartered February 27, 1890.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

\*Sylvester Hall.

Commander, J. R. Warner.

*Alternate.*

Joachim Theeck.

*Past Commanders.*

John Hills.

\*John Conard.

\*Lewis Montry.

Euphratus Ross.

**BOYS-IN-BLUE POST NO. 271, MECOSTA.**

Chartered August 15, 1884.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Chas. Hinman.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*



**MAJOR FOX POST NO. 272, CHASE.**

Chartered August 22, 1884.

Membership 10.

Commander, J. J. Tanner.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***LUCIUS TAYLOR POST NO. 274, MILAN.**

Chartered September 1, 1884.

Membership 31.

Commander, Chas. A. Heath.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

\*W. P. Draper.

Morris Vincent.

*Past Commanders.*

\*A. D. Jackson.

\*James E. Johnson.

John Steidler.

D. Case.

Amos Wisdom.

S. H. Evans.

Wesley Robison.

**LEWIS CLARK POST NO. 275, OLIVET.**

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, Myron A. Hance.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Wm. Green.

M. A. Hance.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. W. Keys.

N. D. Lamphear.

Geo. Galusha.

James H. Bosworth.

W. E. C. Wright.

Geo. W. Sweet.

Lester B. Taggart.

Chas. H. Wilson.

S. K. May.

Henry Ramalie.

Wm. Rogers.

**BRADFIELD POST NO. 276, ADA.**

Chartered September 8, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, Wm. Grant.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***H. S. BURNETT POST NO. 278, WEST BAY CITY.**

Chartered September 12, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, \*E. T. Carrington.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

\*W. I. Lee.

Geo. A. Allen.

\*A. W. Dorland.

\*H. H. Aplin.

**PERKINS POST NO. 279, SPRING LAKE.**

Chartered September 16, 1884.

Membership 9.

Commander, E. J. Pruim.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

C. P. Brown.

M. T. Reed.

Geo. Valmer.

S. S. Rideout.

**AMOS E. STEELE POST NO. 290, NORTH MUSKEGON.**

Chartered September 17, 1884.

Membership 17.

Commander, G. R. Kinsman.

*Delegate.*

\*Joseph Wixson.

*Alternate.*

Nelson Norton.

*Past Commanders.*Chas. E. Storrs.  
Joseph Avery.  
James E. Sovacool.B. L. Andrews.  
Zoar H. Bates.  
M. Stilson.**MORGAN PARKER POST NO. 281, PETERSBURG.**

Chartered October 18, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, J. M. Elder.

*Delegate.*

\*T. Brenningstall.

*Alternate.*

F. Beinhart.

*Past Commanders.*

H. J. Benningstall.

**SAMUEL W. GRINNELL POST NO. 283, SUNFIELD.**

Chartered October 23, 1884.

Membership 21.

Commander, William Edwins.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.**Alternate.*E. W. Taylor.  
Geo. Richards.  
S. York.  
B. Peabody.  
T. Lusk.A. Kreamer.  
I. Eldred.  
C. Richards.  
L. M. Peck.  
F. Linhart.**HENRY H. KNAPP POST NO. 284, DAVISON.**

Chartered October 16, 1884.

Membership 22.

Commander, Wm. N. Monroe.

*Delegate.*

John O. Harrow.

*Alternate.*

Howard Gattermeyer.

*Past Commanders.*L. D. McAllister.  
Wm. M. Knapp.  
L. G. Adams.  
A. A. Elmore.  
B. F. Sanford.  
J. Cottrell.J. Cooley.  
Alex. Campbell.  
C. B. Smith.  
A. A. Conger.  
S. G. Comstock.**COL. STEWART POST NO. 285, TUSTIN.**

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 19.

Commander, J. W. Loomis.

*Delegate.*

John Byers.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Schloppi.

*Past Commanders.*

R. H. Jones.

John Stansell.

**FRANK FOWLER POST NO. 286, PIPE LAKE.**

Chartered October 28, 1884.

Membership 28.

Commander, H. E. Davis.

*Delegate.*

\*W. E. Clarke.

*Alternate.*

M. Bryant.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Hart.  
A. M. Wansey.  
Miles Bryant.

D. McAley.  
W. E. Clarke.

**B. F. CHAPIN POST NO. 237, CHESHIRE.**

Chartered November 9, 1884.

Membership 16.

Commander, G. W. Lewis.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

R. C. Harmon.  
W. G. Rowe.

W. H. Stout.  
S. S. Stout.

**JOHN H. ANDREWS POST NO. 238, LACOTA.**

Chartered March 3, 1890.

Membership. 22

Commander, D. A. Beebe.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Samuel Johnson.

H. P. Gillispie.

*Past Commanders.*

E. Deming.  
L. Dalrymple.  
Zenoa Woody.

O. P. Carmon.  
H. P. Gillespie.

**HENRY C. PRATT POST NO. 239, MACKINAC ISLAND.**

Chartered December 2, 1884.

Membership 14.

Commander, Edwin M. Coates.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

Dan. B. Mills.

Geo. E. Rogers.

*Past Commanders.*

Wm. P. Preston.  
Theodore Rieths.  
Andrew Chapman.  
Benoni Lachance.  
P. McCormick.

John McWebster.  
Patrick Kerrigan.  
Wm. Marshall.  
Gregory Lambert.

**ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.**

Chartered January 15, 1885.

Membership 95.

Commander, \*E. C. Moore.

*Delegates.**Alternates.*

John Fenning.  
Malery Ford.

John Cole.  
N. Nicholas.

*Past Commanders.*

D. E. Stearns.  
Geo. M. Davidson.  
W. D. Moody.  
Geo. G. Jenkins.  
A. B. Knapp.

W. A. Whitney.  
W. Miller.  
F. O. Vandersluis.  
Geo. M. Gotchell.  
M. Brown.

**E. H. BRONSON POST NO. 295, GALESBURG.**

Chartered February 7, 1885.

Membership 25.

Commander, A. A. Russell.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

A. E. Stafford.

Andrew Allen.

*Past Commanders.*

A. A. Russell.  
A. E. Stafford.

R. B. Mason.

**CHAS. BROWN POST NO. 296, ALASKA.**

Chartered March 2, 1885.

Membership 7.

Commander, Wm. A. Rowland.  
*Delegate.* Elisha Parker.  
*Alternate.*  
*Past Commanders.*

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**SIMON MALLISON POST NO. 298, PIERPORT.**

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 23.

Commander, Joshua L. Bradford.  
*Delegate.* W. W. Meddaugh.  
*Alternate.* Geo. E. Hill.  
*Past Commanders.* J. L. Bradford.  
 C. W. Perry. L. C. Long.

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**GEN. SIL POST NO. 299, CRYSTAL VALLEY.**

Chartered March 8, 1885.

Membership 10.

Commander, T. T. Jones.  
*Delegate.*  
*Alternate.*  
*Past Commanders.*

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**ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETT.**

Chartered March 7, 1885.

Membership 30.

Commander, \*E. C. Anthony.  
*Delegate.* Addison A. Cole.  
*Alternate.* W. W. Walker.  
*Past Commanders.* R. R. French.  
 A. O. Kruger. Chas. D. Blanchard.  
 John Dooley. P. C. Beanston.

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**ORIN WHITCOMB POST NO. 302, BYRON CENTER.**

Chartered March 30, 1885.

Membership 32.

Commander, J. B. Morse.  
*Delegate.* N. L. Thomas.  
*Alternate.* Joe Pattingall.  
*Past Commanders.* Lyman Havens.  
 L. L. Hickox. W. D. Moonnan.  
 A. A. Palmer. W. Colley.  
 A. M. Green. D. S. Irwin.  
 N. F. Cooper. R. F. Hanes.

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**BURSONS POST NO. 303, SCHOOLCRAFT.**

Chartered April 16, 1885.

Membership 13.

Commander, Frank Carlton.  
*Delegate.* Ed. Monroe.  
*Alternate.* E. J. Vreland.  
*Past Commanders.* John Gilchrist.  
 Jacob Bauer. M. S. Burson.  
 Will Fauckboner. Albert Wager.  
 Albert Cornell. Will Snyder.

**MILTON WILLIAMS POST NO. 304, CLIFFORD.**

Chartered April 23, 1885.

Membership 13.

Commander, John Van Etten.

*Delegate.*

George. Niles.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Harrison Bradshaw.

\*W. Montgomery.

Geo. Irwin.

John Herenden.

A. W. Cline.

D. Asletien.

**BACON POST NO. 305, FENWICK.**

Chartered April 30, 1885.

Membership 8.

Commander, S. G. Wheaton.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***D. D. DONNELLEY POST NO. 307, SAGINAW.**

Chartered May 5, 1885.

Membership 39.

Commander, \*John Morean.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. Brinningstahl.

*Alternate.*

Rolander Witz.

*Past Commanders.*

\*E. B. Metcalf.

John Still.

John Turner.

\*J. W. Budd.

J. W. Starr.

J. H. Guily.

E. S. Cooper.

\*V. D. Starr.

**M. B. ROGERS POST NO. 308, IMLAY CITY.**

Chartered May 9, 1885.

Membership 12

Commander, W. Harwood.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***WALTER ORR POST NO. 132, SCOTTS.**

Chartered June 27, 1885.

Membership 9.

Commander, C. T. S. Cook.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***HENRY DAGLE POST NO. 313, SOUTH BOARDMAN.**

Chartered July 22, 1905.

Membership 12.

Commander, A. O. Clark.

*Delegate.**Alternate.*

H. D. Lathrop.

D. F. Gorman.

*Past Commanders.*

John Dagle.

N. O. Clark.

**WILTSIE POST NO. 314, SALINE.**

Chartered June 12, 1885.

Membership 9.

Commander, E. W. Hunt.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**CHAS. E. WENDELL POST NO. 316, GRANT.**

Chartered July 30, 1885.

Commander, F. M. Jackson.

Membership 26.

**G. J. HUDSON POST NO. 317, MATTAWAN.**

Chartered August 17, 1885.

Commander, L. G. Hunt.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

F. Hickman.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Albert Newkirk.

H. Freeman.

W. H. Glidden.

L. G. Hunt.

J. M. Davidson.

B. F. Morris.

**ALLEN M. HARMAN POST NO. 318, NORTHVILLE.**

Chartered August 22, 1885.

Commander, Thos. Calhoun.

Membership 39.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. F. Goodale.

*Alternate.*

James Calhoun.

*Past Commanders.*

B. G. Webster.

H. O. Ward.

James Taylor.

\*S. J. Lawrence.

O. B. Moore.

E. K. Simonds.

Henry M. White.

T. P. Banks.

E. K. Starkweather.

J. W. Dolph.

Andrew Houk.

James Hamilton.

M. S. Nichols.

**J. B. SACKETT POST NO. 320, PRAIRIEVILLE.**

Chartered August 31, 1885.

Commander, F. A. Blackman.

Membership 17.

*Delegate.*

John H. Freeman.

*Alternate.*

John P. Hart.

*Past Commanders.*

Geo. Norwood.

N. H. Orr.

Mark Norris.

**GEO. J. LEIGHTON POST NO. 321, SPRINGPORT.**

Chartered September 1, 1885.

Commander, Dewitt C. Faxon.

Membership 15.

*Delegate.*

H. B. Yoxheimer.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. W. Soul.

Ben Evins.

Adam Craver.

Wm. Malcom.

S. D. Curtis.

Geo. Harris.

John Orrison.

H. B. Yoxheimer.

**WILLIAM KERBY POST NO. 323, ASHLEY.**

Chartered September 14, 1885.

Commander, N. B. Bowker.

Membership 15.

*Delegate.*

Thomas Brown.

*Alternate.*

Geo. W. Harris.

# TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## *Past Commanders.*

Nathan Roof.  
N. B. Bowker.

David Duncan.  
O. J. Sprague.

## **W. B. STUART POST NO. 324, CRYSTAL.**

Chartered September 12, 1885.

Membership 10.

Commander, Chauncey Pickell.

## **O. D. JACKSON POST NO. 326, POTTERVILLE.**

Chartered September 25, 1885.

Membership 22.

Commander, N. O. Merritt.

### *Delegate.*

Asa P. Goodwin.

### *Alternate.*

Geo. Mauk.

### *Past Commanders.*

J. M. Henderson.  
James Smalley.  
Geo. Mauk.  
A. P. Goodwin.

N. O. Merritt.  
Geo. Carneoney.  
Frank Milbourn.

## **MYRON HAWLEY POST NO. 328, NAPOLEON.**

Chartered October 1, 1885.

Membership 12.

Commander, Murray W. Hess.

### *Delegate.*

L. A. Palmer.

### *Alternate.*

I. L. Hawley.

### *Past Commanders.*

Wm. R. Fuller.  
Murry Hess.  
I. Kilburn.  
Edwin Price.  
John Garlinghouse.  
I. L. Hawley.

A. P. Morris.  
James Henderson.  
L. A. Palmer.  
V. Watson.  
Wm. Drew.  
L. M. Jones.

## **COL. H. H. JEFFORDS POST NO. 330, DEXTER.**

Chartered November 5, 1885.

Membership 11.

Commander, Chas. F. Bates.

### *Delegate.*

### *Alternate.*

### *Past Commanders.*

## **C. E. HILTON POST NO. 336, EAST GILEAD.**

Chartered January 21, 1886.

Membership 13.

Commander, Geo. O. Bixler.

### *Delegate.*

Henry A. Kinsey.

### *Alternate.*

Chas. Miller.

### *Past Commanders.*

J. W. Parker.  
C. W. Spade.  
C. H. Brooks.

Samuel German.  
Jack Kanouse.  
Myron Aldrich.

## **ALBERT SPERRY POST NO. 337, RAVENNA.**

Chartered January 29, 1886.

Membership 13.

Commander, F. D. Hoogstraet.

### *Delegate.*

John Gilbert.

### *Alternate.*

Henry Walker.

*Past Commanders.*

Albro Enos.  
Henry Hull.  
Fred Plumhoff.  
James E. Noble.

Henry Walker.  
John E. Hodgins.  
Isaac R. Franks.

**W. S. HANCOCK POST NO. 339, CLARE.**

Chartered February 12, 1886.

Membership 20.

*Delegate.*

Commander.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**MATHEW ARTIS POST NO. 341, DAY.**

Chartered March 10, 1886.

Membership 14.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Abner B. Byrd.

*Alternate.*

L. B. Stewart.

John Harris.

*Past Commanders.*

B. E. Curtis.

**DICK WHITEHEAD POST NO. 342, TWIN LAKE.**

Chartered March 17, 1886.

Membership 12.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Chas. L. Buzzell.

*Alternate.*

A. H. Van Antwerp.

James Wooding.

*Past Commanders.*

Fred J. Clark.  
Geo. D. Thompson.  
Geo. H. Buzzell.

James Gardner.  
Geo. A. Stearns.  
James Armstrong.

**E. H. LISCOLN POST NO. 343, SAULT STE. MARIE.**

Chartered March 10, 1885.

Membership 16.

*Delegate.*

Commander, James A. Troutt.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commander.*

Wm. P. Spalding.

**JOHN W. PURDY POST NO. 346, HAMILTON.**

Chartered March 11, 1886.

Membership 10.

*Delegate.*

Commander, O. Hoard.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Ben. Laberge.  
John C. Holmes.

W. W. Burnett.  
H. L. Beach.

**BILLY CENSON POST NO. 347, BRECKENRIDGE.**

Chartered March 16, 1886.

Membership 37.

*Delegate.*

Commander, \*Barney Swope.

*Alternate.*

James Toles.

L. E. Hackett.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Weed.  
\*Randolph Root.  
Thos. Holton.  
Charles Rooks.

P. P. Vannorman.  
J. B. Holbert.  
Chas. Wolverton.



**S. D. HAIGHT POST NO. 346, SCOTVILLE.**

Chartered March 27, 1886.

Membership 38.

Commander, Jasper N. Clark.

*Delegate.*

E. W. Loomis.

*Alternate.*

R. E. Smart.

*Past Commanders.***M. H. WHITNEY POST NO. 350, SAND LAKE.**

Chartered April 9, 1886.

Membership 25.

Commander, Wm. Slaughter.

*Delegate.*

Henry Bennett.

*Alternate.*

Joseph Myers.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Wm. Rascol.

F. W. Hicks.

\*Geo. H. Godfrey.

James Scutt.

**GEO. ALLEN POST NO. 351, COVERT.**

Chartered April 15, 1886.

Membership 12.

Commander, Theo. B. Randell.

*Delegate.*

T. P. Randell.

*Alternate.*

Ben. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

Jacob Gunssul.

Osmer Letson.

Geo. W. Morgan.

T. P. Randell.

**COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.**

Chartered May 18, 1886.

Membership 31.

Commander, James Keley.

*Delegate.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.***JAMES F. COVELL POST NO. 354, PALO.**

Chartered May 16, 1886.

Membership 19.

Commander, Henry Barrows.

*Delegate.*

Caleb Richardson.

*Alternate.*

Benj. S. Everest.

*Past Commanders.*

B. S. Everest.

Ira S. Jeffers.

Geo. Prankard.

Chas. M. North.

John W. Howarth.

Caleb Richardson.

**F. B. MYERS POST NO. 357, GAGETOWN.**

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 10.

Commander, C. F. Stearns.

*Delegate.*

Theo. Burden.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

R. S. Brown.

W. J. Brown.

L. Mathews.

W. J. Williamson.

E. Robertson.

**ROWLEY POST NO. 358, CLAYTON.**

Chartered July 12, 1886.

Membership 19.

*Delegate.*

Ezra Bertram.

Commander, H. F. Yarick.

*Alternate.*

Byron Beach.

*Past Commanders.*

\*D. H. Warren.  
 \*A. E. Terwilliger.  
 B. F. Rockwell.  
 \*Ralph Taylor.  
 Milton Townsend.

John Wirts.  
 Wm. Hinds.  
 J. C. Gambee.  
 S. Spencer.  
 D. B. Wisner.

**CORBETT POST NO. 360, PALMYRA.**

Chartered July 14, 1886.

Membership 27

*Delegate.*

\*Robert Bailey.

Commander, Squire Johnson.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Southwick.

*Past Commanders.*

\*M. T. Cole.  
 \*Jared B. Bailey.  
 E. Lewis.  
 W. H. Colwin.

\*John Bittey.  
 \*Richard Bailey.  
 John Patterson.  
 \*Geo. Southwick.

**KILBOURN POST NO. 361, SHERWOOD.**

Chartered September 27, 1886.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Henry Runyan.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***C. B. HUBBELL POST NO. 364, COLEMAN.**

Chartered October 28, 1886.

Membership 17.

*Delegate.*

Calvin Ritch.

Commander, Fred Hanley.

*Alternate.*

T. N. Drake.

*Past Commanders.*

W. H. Saxton.  
 J. F. Koontz.  
 J. Kellogg.  
 F. Hanley.

\*H. Samson.  
 D. A. Curtice.  
 \*E. N. Carley.

**CALDWELL POST NO. 365, LAKE CITY.**

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 23.

*Delegate.*

Herman Stephan.

Commander, M. D. Richardson.

*Alternate.*

Samuel A. Gray.

*Past Commanders.*

\*M. D. Richardson.  
 L. Klingensmith.  
 Wm. H. Miller.  
 Wm. Bartholomew.

N. Shults.  
 B. F. McManus.  
 H. S. Lamb.  
 S. A. Phillips.

**GORDON POST NO. 366, WHITE CLOUD.**

Chartered July 18, 1886.

Membership 24.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Wm. Kimball.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

**P. VEENFLEET POST NO. 363, REESE.**

Chartered November 18, 1886.

Membership 13.

*Delegate.*

John M. Weaver.

Commander, \*Thos. Gulliver.

*Alternate.*

Wm. H. Lindsay.

*Past Commanders.*

\*D. Cole.

E. Shook.

\*J. G. Van Buren.

Jas. M. Higgins.

**NOBLE POST NO. 369, GLADWIN.**

Chartered January 3, 1887.

Membership 24.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Henry Medill.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***W. B. HAZEN POST NO. 370, WEST BRANCH.**

Chartered January 18, 1887.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

\*Robert A. Babcock.

Commander, John Smith.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

James E. Horton.

E. J. Goodell.

Benj. B. Priest.

**A. H. PENN POST NO. 371, PENNVILLE.**

Chartered February 3, 1887.

Membership 19.

*Delegate.*

W. H. McCormick.

Commander, Isaac Lameroux.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

A. Turrell.

Robert Rouse.

**E. P. CASE POST NO. 372, BENZONIA.**

Chartered March 5, 1887.

Membership 35.

*Delegate.*

C. C. Judson.

Commander, Zenas E. Clark.

*Alternate.*

E. D. Manies.

*Past Commanders.*

L. P. Judson.

J. C. Van Blaricom.

Jos. Montgomery.

Wm. A. Joy.

Roswell P. Reed.

I. P. Covey.

H. M. Stanley.

D. W. Phelps.

John W. Van Durnan.

**S. B. DOWNER POST NO. 374, PARMA.**

Chartered March 9, 1887.

Membership 13.

*Delegate.*

Emory A. Miller.

Commander, Chas. Adams.

*Alternate.*

F. W. Sedgwick.

*Past Commanders.*

John P. Baker.

W. A. Matson.

O. A. Rogers.

Geo. Schwab.

H. C. Anderson.

Frank Gorton.

Frank Hoag.

**WM. P. EVERETT POST NO. 377, ROCHESTER.**

Chartered April 1, 1887.

Membership 30.

*Delegate.* Commander, Henry L. Wood.  
*Alternate.*  
*Past Commanders.*

**HATHAWAY POST NO. 378, PEWAMO.**

Chartered April 1, 1887.

Membership 10.

*Delegate.* Commander, John P. Miller.  
*Alternate.* W. C. McGowan.  
*Past Commanders.*

**CHARLES BRADFORD POST NO. 379, BANNISTER.**

Chartered March 23, 1887.

Membership 9.

*Delegate.* Commander, Wm. H. Morrison.  
*Alternate.* H. Gillaman.  
*Past Commanders.* Edward Bensing.  
 R. R. Smith. John Riley.

**JOHN STOCKTON POST NO. 380, NEW HAVEN.**

Chartered April 23, 1887.

Membership 8.

*Delegate.* Commander, Geo. W. Dingman.  
*Alternate.*  
*Past Commanders.* L. Lutenbacher. J. E. Carl.

**U. O. BRETZ POST NO. 382, LAKE ODESSA.**

Chartered April 27, 1887.

Membership 37.

*Delegate.* Commander, C. J. Yager.  
*Alternate.* H. H. Bosell.  
*Past Commanders.* Wallace Lovewell.  
 Edwin Tirman. Martin Cox.  
 John Bishop. A. A. Walters.  
 Thos. Leak. Wm. Fink.  
 Abel Bywaters. S. H. Mallory.

**C. B. WHEELER POST NO. 383, MARTIN.**

Chartered May 19, 1887.

Membership 8.

*Delegate.* Commander, W. D. Stayman.  
*Alternate.*  
*Past Commanders.*

**DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.**

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 115.

*Delegates.* Commander, Arba M. Seymour.  
*Alternates.* \*Wm. C. D. Lowrie. Alvin S. Clark.  
 \*Wm. Winslow. Frank R. Ring.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry M. Duffield.  
Thos. A. Wadsworth.  
Marvin Preston.  
Sidney B. Dixon.  
Oscar R. Looker.  
Robert Gibbons.  
James N. Cox.  
Wm. S. Green.  
Wm. T. Gage.  
Chas. E. Foote.

S. M. Kent.  
Jacob Bristol.  
Edward S. Jameson.  
A. H. Heath.  
Lewis H. Chamberlin.  
\*Frank C. Trowbridge.  
Chas. G. Hampton.  
Thos. S. McGraw.  
Alex. W. Blain.  
Oscar A. Janes.

**CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.**

Chartered July 21, 1887.

Membership 25.

Commander, Chas. Clark.

*Delegate.*

L. Richards.

*Alternate.*

B. P. Mount.

*Past Commanders.*

J. H. Wood.  
W. Glass.

Wm. H. Ford.

**WM. THURKETTLE POST NO. 388, ALLENDALE.**

Chartered August 12, 1887.

Membership 11.

Commander, Asa L. Porter.

*Delegate.*

John Rogers.

*Alternate.*

A. Perkins.

*Past Commander.*

C. S. Knapp.

**AINSWORTH POST NO. 392, RANSOM.**

Chartered January 26, 1888.

Membership 16.

Commander, W. L. Mapes.

*Delegate.*

\*W. H. Palmer.

*Alternate.*

Edward Burt.

*Past Commanders.*

G. W. Hile.

**MICHIGAN POST NO. 393, DETROIT.**

Chartered April 4, 1888.

Membership 19.

Commander, John H. Hendley.

*Delegate.*

\*Fred Kraft.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Jos. Doherty.  
John Griswold.

John Boylan.  
Chas. Kaufman.

**A. P. EARLE POST NO. 394, WEXFORD.**

Chartered April 15, 1888.

Membership 21.

Commander, J. J. Carl.

*Delegate.*

L. A. Crittenden.

*Alternate.*

E. Cerey.

*Past Commanders.*

John Pall.  
\*E. Bowerman.  
A. Pringle.  
Bruce Stewart.

\*Wm. J. C. Davis.  
\*J. S. Walling.  
N. Hanna.  
A. F. Hopkins.

**A. B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 88.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Wm. Walker.	<i>Alternate.</i>
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
W. T. Johnson.	J. R. Wyckoff.	
J. M. Wood.	J. S. French.	
C. H. Fox.	Geo. R. Phillips.	
J. H. Bowers.	C. S. Wilson.	
R. H. Lee.	J. Whinnery.	
D. Z. Cline.	D. Delano.	
C. M. Runyan.	C. A. Beebee.	

**GEO. WARD POST NO. 398, BRANT.**

Chartered January, 1889.

Membership 19.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Geo. Rinenburg.	<i>Alternate.</i>
*Henry Passmore.		Chas. Cogswell.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
*W. DeClarence.	N. B. Richardson.	
John Boone.	Perry Crane.	
Alva Nichols.	Geo. Rinenburg.	
Daniel Thompson.	Willis Dibble.	
*Michael Cummings.		

**WOOLSEY POST NO. 399, NORTHPORT.**

Chartered January 19, 1889.

Membership 13.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Ishmeal Comstock.	<i>Alternate.</i>
John Scott.		John Thomas.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
Wm. H. Porter.	John Thomas.	
John Scott.	Wm. B. Green.	

**BURLINGAME POST NO. 402, AKRON.**

Chartered April 23, 1889.

Membership 8.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, *John Paul.	<i>Alternate.</i>
L. C. Wilbur.		L. L. Davis.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
John Graham.	J. B. Going.	
*E. G. Mathews.	*Geo. J. Dart.	
Leonard James.	Wm. Gardner.	
*E. A. Dickey.	John Rothermel.	
John E. Evans.		

**J. AND A. BYDER POST NO. 404, NEWBURG.**

Chartered May 18, 1891.

Membership 12.

<i>Delegate.</i>	Commander, Willard Sherman.	<i>Alternate.</i>
Wm. D. Toles.		Jas. King.
	<i>Past Commanders.</i>	
H. D. Bassett.	Fred Smith.	
C. G. Brown.	E. C. Bassett.	
Chas. Westfall.		

**CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 406, PERRINTON.**

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Membership 17.

Commander, R. S. Cushman.

*Delegate.*

M. G. Howell.

*Alternate.*

A. C. Gillett.

*Past Commanders.*

T. B. Musser.

Geo. W. Groom.

J. S. Wright.

**W. W. CHAPIN POST NO. 407, AUBURN.**

Chartered July 14, 1891.

Membership 13.

Commander, S. E. Hill.

*Delegate.*

E. J. Buzzard.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

J. C. Rowden.

\*Henry Hopler.

\*John Wilber.

\*James Davis.

**GEN. W. T. SHERMAN POST NO. 410, VASSAR.**

Chartered June 29, 1891.

Membership 58.

Commander, Wm. Hulburt.

*Delegate.*

Nathan Clark.

*Alternate.*

\*Lewis McCallum.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Chas. E. Murry.

R. Hawley.

Jared Downer.

\*O. B. Randall.

Henry Adams.

**WILLIAM GOODMAN POST NO. 412, BURNIPS CORNERS.**

Chartered August 1, 1891.

Membership 8.

Commander, A. Walker.

*Delegate.*

Nicholas Matzen.

*Alternate.*

John Smith.

*Past Commanders.***A. W. BRINDLE POST NO. 413, WYANDOTTE.**

Chartered August 1, 1891.

Membership 11.

Commander, W. W. Bishop.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.**Alternate.***ROBT. ERWIN POST NO. 416, BROOKLYN.**

Chartered October 30, 1891.

Membership 20.

Commander, John W. Worden.

*Delegate.*

James M. King.

*Alternate.*

Geo. Stacy.

*Past Commanders.***B. J. WADE POST NO. 417, HARBOR BEACH.**

Chartered January 21, 1892.

Membership 11.

Commander, William Whaling.

*Delegate.**Past Commanders.**Alternate.*

Wm. McMillan.

**A. P. MERRILL POST NO. 419, BAY CITY.**

Chartered February 19, 1892.

Membership 23.

Commander, \*Geo. W. Butterfield.

*Delegate.*

William Durand.

*Alternate.*

Horace Mooey.

*Past Commanders.*

\*M. M. Andrews.

\*Geo. P. Cobb.

A. J. Cook.

\*L. G. Wilcox.

\*H. E. Meeker.

\*J. W. Knaggs.

Orrin Bump.

\*Israel Youngs.

**WM. H. DUMPHY POST NO. 424, YALE.**

Chartered January 27, 1893.

Membership 19.

Commander, Chas. Moutney.

*Delegate.*

Miles Simmons.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**STEPHEN MUNGER POST NO. 425, FREELAND.**

Chartered August 2, 1893.

Membership 9.

Commander, Geo. W. Haviland.

*Delegate.*

Ambrose Purchase.

*Alternate.*

E. Braley.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry Manwell.

J. B. Alexander.

A. McGuire.

Peter Doran.

Jefferson Chapman.

**P. O'CONNELL POST NO. 426, IRON MOUNTAIN.**

Chartered August 3, 1893.

Membership 10.

Commander, J. W. Burbank.

*Delegate.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

**JOHN BITCHIE POST NO. 430, BURT.**

Chartered July 14, 1896.

Membership 13.

Commander, David McNalley.

*Delegate.*

\*John Davis.

*Alternate.*

W. W. Webster.

*Past Commanders.*

Thomas Boodger.

Jos. S. Phillips.

\*John Jackson.

\*Jesse L. Van Sickle.

Sidney Carlton.

**MARINE CITY POST NO. 432, MARINE CITY.**

Chartered September 19, 1896.

Membership 11.

Commander, W. H. Scott.

*Delegate.*

John Minnie.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Max Bates.

Chas. F. Farmer.

Edward J. Hill.



**O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT.**

Chartered November 18, 1896.

Membership 51.

*Delegate.*  
 \*Jacob Hamburger.

Commander, Geo. W. Clement.

*Alternate.*

Cor. O. Dwyer.

*Past Commanders.*

\*John Devlin.  
 H. F. Serrine.  
 Chas. F. Jones.

Wm. N. Siggins.  
 Jas. M. C. Miller.  
 E. H. Davis.

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**McCOOK POST NO. 434, McBRIDE.**

Chartered February 24, 1897.

Membership 22.

*Delegate.*

Geo. Carpenter.

Commander, Frederick Neff.

*Alternate.*

Albert Bush.

*Past Commanders.*

Louis Perkins.  
 Myron Dean.

M. J. Christian.

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**F. A. DANIELS POST NO. 437, NEW TROY.**

Chartered June 29, 1897.

Membership 11.

*Delegate.*

Commander, John A. Cox.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

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**H. P. NILES POST NO. 438, NEW LATHROP.**

Chartered July 22, 1897.

Membership 9.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. Jacobs.

Commander, \*John Northwood.

*Alternate.*

Wm. Hubbell.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Batus Snyder.  
 S. D. Wilson,  
 \*James Smith.

\*J. Douglass.  
 \*John Spears.  
 \*C. A. Petty.

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**SPENCER POST NO. 439, POSTORIA.**

Chartered July 17, 1897.

Membership 11.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Josiah Tompkins.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

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**STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.**

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 38.

*Delegate.*

\*Henry I. Northrop.

Commander, John G. Snook.

*Alternate.*

Jared B. Smith.

*Past Commanders.*

J. A. Sherwood.  
 T. Bortles.  
 Frank Lester.  
 \*W. W. Root.

\*N. Templar.  
 \*L. H. Ives.  
 H. O. Call.

**GEO. B. MUIR POST NO. 442, ROSE CITY.**

Chartered April 8, 1898.

Membership 18.

*Delegate.*

L. F. Billman.

Commander, Wm. A. Bates.

*Alternate.*

James Dobson.

*Past Commanders.***WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.**

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 26.

*Delegate.*

H. A. Spencer.

Commander, C. C. Dunham.

*Alternate.*

N. H. Badger.

*Past Commanders.*

D. E. Cook.

**R. H. GIBSON POST NO. 445, GOWEN.**

Chartered April 29, 1898.

Membership 19.

*Delegate.*

I. F. Dodge.

Commander, W. H. Allen.

*Alternate.*

J. W. Munsell.

*Past Commanders.*

C. A. Peasley.

Eli Bowen.

V. W. Leland.

Geo. S. McClellan.

D. Bonesteel.

Ed. Bradshaw.

**J. B. SWEETLAND POST NO. 446, EDWARDSBURG.**

Chartered July 21, 1899.

Membership 17.

*Delegate.*

B. F. Thompson.

Commander, Calvin A. Steuben.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

W. W. Sweetland.

B. F. Thompson.

John Jones.

Avon Dever.

**P. M. ANGUS POST NO. 450, STANDISH.**

Chartered November 11, 1899.

Membership 7.

*Delegate.*

Commander, Dewitt C. Hallock.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.***GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.**

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 23.

*Delegate.*

Irvin S. Miner.

Commander, \*Geo. H. Gilbert.

*Alternate.*

Thos. A. Ball.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Isaac Grant.

\*Aretas Corwin.

David J. Zook.

John H. Freeland.

\*“Ren” Barker.

Jos. H. Andrews.

Homer Spencer.

James L. Dearin.

Livingston Hall.

Anthony Wise.

Nathaniel Clark.

**H. W. LAWTON POST NO. 452, SAMARIA.**

Chartered June 23, 1900.

Membership 30.

Commander, \*A. M. Alberts.

*Delegate.*

\*Philander Karr.

*Alternate.*

Henry Niswander.

*Past Commanders.*A. J. Teall.  
Philander Karr.

Geo. F. Harmon.

**HARLOW PELTON POST NO. 453, KINGSTON.**

Chartered July 21, 1900.

Membership 21.

Commander, Arthur B. Payne.

*Delegate.*

\*Ben S. Franklin.

*Alternate.*

Walter B. Nedrey.

*Past Commanders.*Walter B. Nedrey.  
W. C. Lockwood.Geo. E. Parker.  
\*J. B. Hickey.**JAMES A. SAXTON POST NO. 454, CENTRAL LAKE.**

Chartered July 17, 1900.

Membership 14.

Commander, D. W. Sage.

*Delegate.*

A. J. Drake.

*Alternate.*

S. Fuller.

*Past Commanders.*D. C. Morrison.  
W. Mohrman.A. J. Drake.  
W. H. Easton.**JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.**

Chartered November 21, 1900.

Membership 24.

Commander, James Persons.

*Delegate.*

C. P. Miller.

*Alternate.*

\*W. C. Bouck.

*Past Commanders.*

\*David Cross.

\*James E. Barnes.

**STANSELL POST NO. 456, SOUTH LYON.**

Chartered February 22, 1901.

Membership 26.

Commander, Lyman A. Sayles.

*Delegate.*

Harrison Olsaner.

*Alternate.*

Eugene Donovan.

*Past Commanders.*L. S. Allen.  
A. C. Washburn.

C. Calkins.

**J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.**

Chartered February 9, 1903.

Membership 26.

Commander, Judson Doud.

*Delegate.*

J. C. Bartholomew.

*Alternate.*

C. Whitney.

*Past Commanders.*

J. C. Bartholomew.

C. Whitney.

**GEORGE BOYD POST NO. 461, SELMA.**

Chartered August 8, 1903.

Membership 16.

Commander, R. C. Norris.

*Delegate.*

\*Geo. W. Wheeler.

*Alternate.*

James Mansfield.

*Past Commanders.*

Amos Merrill.

John H. Wheeler.

Department Commander—If the Senior Vice-Commander will take the chair the Commander will read his address.

Senior Vice-Commander R. L. Jones assumed the chair.

### COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 11, 1907.

Comrades—At the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, one year ago, you selected me as your Department Commander. I entered upon the administration of the office with some misgivings. My predecessors were men who had distinguished themselves in military and in civil life. Several had achieved national reputation, and each had been active and prominent, not only in Grand Army circles, but in the affairs of this commonwealth of Michigan. To follow such a *coterie* of officials, and to succeed, would require my best efforts, and to meet the expectations of my comrades was highly improbable.

I have enjoyed the work. I have visited a number of the Posts, and have met many of the "old boys" in their home camps. I have been received everywhere, not only with respect and consideration, but with that cordiality and comradeship that is so comforting and cheering to a visiting official.

I find, for the greater part, our comrades, "dwell together in harmony"—but there are a few Posts in which bickerings and contentions exist. This is unfortunate, and should not obtain. Friendship, charity, loyalty are the three cardinal tenets of our Order. The friendship that binds us together as comrades, the charity that is not easily provoked, and the loyalty that should enable us to overlook and forgive each other's weaknesses and foibles in our devotion to the Order that is so dear to us all.

In some localities there are two Posts where only one should exist. Both Posts are weak. One might be vigorous, if they were united.

My comrades, settle your differences, draw closer together as age advances, and let no internal dissensions mar the harmony that should cement us as brothers. Honest differences of opinion will arise, but remember that a majority rules and that the perpetuity of our Order is of greater importance than any personal grievance.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows that during the year ending December 31, 1906, we have sustained a net loss of 14 Posts and 498 members, as follows:

Number of Posts in good standing December 31, 1905.....	340
Number of members.....	11,566
Posts gained during the year.....	10
Posts lapsed during the year.....	24
Members added by reinstatement or muster.....	1,032
Members lost.....	1,530
Of this number, the loss by death was.....	445
Loss from other causes than mortality.....	53

Comparison—While our death rate has been greater, from a decreasing membership, and eight more Posts have surrendered their charters, we have lost less in membership by 218 than last year.

The number on the suspended list is too large. The report shows 1,634 on this roll at the close of the year. The attention of the Posts in this department has been repeatedly called to Sec. 4, Art. 4, Chapter 4, of "Rules and Regulations," which specifically provides that a member one year in arrears for dues shall be notified of the fact, "and on failure for two months thereafter to pay such dues, he shall be dropped from the rolls unless relieved from such payment." It is believed that a large majority of these suspended members could be reinstated by a little effort on the part of the Posts, and remission of a portion of the accumulated dues. I bespeak your earnest endeavor in this direction.

Every man who was a soldier in the union army during the great civil war should be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, until he joins his comrades in the "Land O' the Leal."

#### SOUVENIR MEDALS.

Past Department Commander Cannon recommended, in his address, that the Denver souvenir medals remaining undistributed be offered as prizes to the Posts showing the greatest increase in membership during the year. This suggestion was carried out, but it appears from the returns that but few Posts entered the contest with any enthusiasm. Where interest was shown, the results have been satisfactory, and 165 medals have been distributed to 64 Posts.

I had hoped that, with the cooperation of Post Commanders, an increase in our membership could be shown during my term of office. This has not been accomplished. There has been, however, an increase of members received by muster and by transfer, over last year, of 95.

#### FINANCES.

As the years go by, our financial condition becomes more precarious. It is unfortunate that in the early history of our Department greater economy was not exercised and a sinking fund established that would have been of incalculable value as our membership decreases.

The report of last year shows a deficit of nearly one hundred and fifty dollars. But for the interest received on the Alger fund, and on the general fund deposited in bank, the deficit would have been \$236.52.

Our financial condition at present is as follows:

Cash in general fund.....	\$1,645 73
Cash in Alger fund.....	1,000 00
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	\$2,645 73

I do not see how our department expenses can be curtailed. The strictest economy has been practiced in every department. The Commander has paid his own expenses, when visiting outside Posts, in every instance except one. The Owosso comrades, whose invitation he accepted, reimbursed him. The Department Commander should not be compelled to pay his own expenses when away on business connected with the Grand Army.

I see no way to avoid the continuous and steady depletion of our general fund other than in increase in the per capita tax, and I recommend that this

tax be increased to 12½ cents per half year, 25 cents per annum. Five cents a year is but little additional for each comrade to pay, but it will materially increase our income.

#### INSPECTION OF POSTS.

The question of an annual inspection of the several Posts has repeatedly been brought before you.

My immediate predecessor, Commander Cannon, recommended a general inspection, but the reports of the Department Inspectors show that the order was ignored by many of the Posts, as had been the case repeatedly in former years. I decided not to order such inspection, but to leave the matter discretionary with the Posts. Many of the Posts did hold inspections, and, whenever requested, assistant inspectors were detailed for the purpose.

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

This day was very generally observed by the Posts in our Department. General order No. 8, issued from national headquarters concerning its observance, was supplemented by an order from our own headquarters, and sent to every Post in this Department. The thirtieth day of May is preeminently *the old soldiers' day*. It is a sacred day to us, and we are grieved to see that, by the thoughtless and by the younger generation, it is so commonly devoted to games, sports and public amusement. Let us do all in our power to discourage this desecration of the day, and make it, as it was intended to be, a sacred memorial to our dead comrades, marked with a "white stone."

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

This work, under the direction of the Department Patriotic Instructor, and carried out under Post Instructors, is a growing one, and is one of the important, if not the most important of our Order. Post Patriotic Instructors—this having been the first year that the Posts have assumed this work—have been somewhat handicapped for want of specific instructions, no duties being assigned them. For several years the Department has given prizes to the pupils of the schools for the best essays upon subjects designated. This was not done this year, for the reason that for the last two years the awards have been won by the same school, indicating that but few schools have interested themselves in the contest, and in the hope that the Department Instructor would devise some better plan whereby to stimulate the patriotism of the rising generation.

At the last National Encampment, held at Minneapolis, our rules and regulations were amended so as to provide for the election of Post Patriotic Instructors, the election and installation to take place at the same time that the other officers were elected and installed. Either through neglect, or lack of information, more than one hundred Posts in this Department have failed to report to the Assistant Adjutant General the name of their Patriotic Instructor. We construe this to mean that none has been elected. This work is of the greatest importance, and should not be neglected. Every Post should elect a Patriotic Instructor. The comrade selected should be an enthusiast; a man who is in touch with the youth in his locality; who will see that every school is visited; that every pupil listens to some recital of incidents connected with the great civil war; that at least once each year

every child in this state of Michigan has brought to his attention the struggles through which this county has passed that it might become great; the sacrifices in blood and treasure that have been made to preserve it, and the *patriotic duty* of the coming generation to perpetuate it.

#### THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

To this organization the Grand Army owes a debt of gratitude beyond computation. But for the Woman's Relief Corps, that has been so helpful to us in every way, very many of our Posts that now are active and prosperous would have lapsed and surrendered their charters long ago. There are now existent in this Department three corps whose Posts have lapsed, and which report to the Department Commander annually. I see no reason why the Woman's Relief Corps should not exist as a perpetual organization long after the Grand Army of the Republic has become but a part of history, and the last soldier of the civil war lives only in the memory. My thanks are due, and they are hereby extended to Mrs. Redner, Department President, for the interest she has manifested in our work, and for her efforts to make the year a successful one for the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This auxiliary to our Order, although differing somewhat in organization and personnel from the Woman's Relief Corps, has the same purposes and aims, viz.; to assist the Grand Army in its work, to keep alive the memories of the great civil war, and of those engaged in it, and to inculcate loyalty and patriotism in the hearts of the youth of our land and of the generations to come. I bespeak for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic your hearty support.

#### THE SONS OF VETERANS.

Upon whom should fall the mantle of the old soldier if not upon his son? Societies of the descendants of those who fought in the war of the revolution exist in all parts of our land, and their members are proud of the heritage bequeathed them. In a hundred years from now, your lineal descendants should be equally proud of the name they bear, and that it appears among those enrolled in the army that saved the nation in its dire extremity, when its autonomy hung in the balance.

Let us encourage this organization that its members may inherit the same fraternity, charity and loyalty that characterizes the Grand Army.

#### FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Fortieth National Encampment, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in August last, like its thirty-nine predecessors, was a notable event. Extreme care had been taken by the Citizen's Committee for the comfort of the veterans and to guard against accident. Red Cross ambulances—automobiles—were everywhere present, and nurses and assistants were on duty night and day. No one was allowed to suffer for want of attention. Michigan's part in the proceedings and in the parade was a source of pride to the Commander. Led by the splendid band of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Michigan received her share of enthusiastic recognition as our column marched through the crowded streets.

Our thanks are due A. A. G. Wyckoff for the commodious and convenient headquarters he had provided.

#### FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The next, or Forty-first National Encampment, will meet at Saratoga Springs, New York, on September 9th. Headquarters for this Department have been secured at the United States hotel. The rooms are on the ground floor, and are easy of access.

The Business Men's Association of Saratoga has entered into a contract to furnish accommodations, with board, for from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per day, and rooms from 50 cents to \$1.00. Board and lodging, in rooming and boarding houses, at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day. Free lodgings are guaranteed to 11,000. Ample provision seems to have been made for the accommodation of visitors, and I hope that Michigan will be strongly represented in the parade, and take an important part in the proceedings of the encampment.

During my administration three Past Department Commanders have gone to their long home—Comrade Aaron T. Bliss, Comrade Russell A. Alger, and Comrade William Shakespeare. Comrade Bliss had represented his district in the U. S. Congress, and had been twice elected governor of this Commonwealth. Comrade Alger had been Governor of the State, Secretary of War in the Cabinet of President McKinley, and, at the time of his death, was a U. S. Senator from Michigan; but Comrade Shakespeare gave more and endured more for his country than either of them, the seven wounds he received at Jackson, Miss., in '63, causing him continuous suffering through all the intervening years until his death in January last.

Comrade William F. Atkinson, Judge Advocate of this Department, died at his home in Detroit on May 4th. Comrade Atkinson enlisted in 1862 at 18 years of age, and was mustered out at Houston, Texas, in May, 1865, as Captain of Company K, Third Mich. Infantry. As an official on the staff of the Department Commander, he has been loyal, pains-taking and efficient. I hereby express my deep sorrow in the loss of so good a friend.

As these comrades were distinguished in the Grand Army, I recommend that suitable memorial resolutions be passed by this encampment concerning them.

#### THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Living in close proximity to it, I frequently visit this retreat. It is indeed a *home* for our disabled comrades, a "snug harbor" for our storm-tossed and wrecked marines.

Under the efficient administration of Col. Turner, aided by his able Adjutant, Major Taylor; the professional skill and kindly attention of the surgeon and his assistants; and under the general supervision of such comrades as comprise the Board of Managers, it could not be other.

The committee appointed to inspect it has performed that duty and will report to this encampment.

#### PENSIONS.

Our thanks are due the Fifty-ninth Congress of the United States for the passage of the service pension act in February last. Under this law every honorably discharged soldier who has reached the age of 62 years is entitled to \$12 per month; \$15.00 at 70, and \$20.00 at 75 years of age.



It is presumed that many of you have already reaped the benefit of this act, and we owe a debt of gratitude to Past Commander-in-Chief and his collaborators, for their indefatigable efforts to secure its enactment. No country in the world has ever shown such appreciation of its volunteer soldiers as has the United States of America—our country.

#### LEGISLATION IN MICHIGAN.

Such an immense number of appropriation bills, carrying such large sums of money, were introduced in the present legislature that our Committee on Legislation did not think it best to push any measure in the special interest of the old soldier.

The amendment to Act No. 85, of the Public Acts of 1899, relative to the employment of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, etc., and known as House Bill No. 129, has been urged by comrade Anthony and others.

It would seem that Michigan should erect, on the Capitol grounds, a fitting memorial to her soldiers of the civil war.

I hereby express my sincere gratitude to the several officers of this Department for their loyalty to me, and for the fidelity with which each has discharged his duty. It has been extremely gratifying and pleasing to me that I have at all times received the cordial support of every official. But especially am I indebted to Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff. But for his intimate knowledge of the affairs of the Department, his efficiency, and his willingness to assist me at all times, my administration would have been a failure, or fraught with extreme difficulty. If any measure of success has attended the past year's work, it is due, in a large degree, to the loyalty and efficiency of the official staff, to whom, as individuals, I extend my thanks.

My comrades, I shall hand the gavel of the Department Commander to my successor with some regret. I have enjoyed the work of the past year. The universal kindness extended to me has been a great source of pleasure. The new acquaintances I have made, and my new relations with my old ones, will live in my memory while recollection endures.

May this Order continue until the last member of the last Post responds to the call of the Great Commander, and when some kind hand has placed the floral wreath upon his resting place, in living remembrance of what he did for his country in her hour of greatest peril, then, and not 'till then may "FINIS" be written to the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade R. B. Brown, of Zanesville, Ohio. (Great applause.)

And your Adjutant General, Comrade O'Neil. (Great applause.)

Senior Vice-Commander—Comrades, you have heard the report of your Department Commander. If it is agreeable it will be referred to the following committee:

O. A. Janes, Post No. 384; E. C. Cannon, Post No. 16; James Van Kleeck, Post No. 67.

The report was so referred.

The Officer of the Day reported that the mayor of the city was waiting at the door. For the purpose of receiving the mayor an informal recess

was taken and the Officer of the Day was directed to escort him to the platform.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY MAYOR HINE OF BAY CITY.

Gentlemen, I am late for some reason or other but nevertheless I am glad to be with you. It affords me great pleasure to address such an assembly as is here today in this opera house. I am glad, as mayor of Bay City, to have the honor to address you men who fought for our country. (Applause.) If it were not for these men who are sitting here now this country would have been cut up the same as it is in the old country. We have one piece there and one piece here. We have a man acting as president of this country at the present time who is equal to any man that ever filled the chair at Washington. I am not going to make any speech. I am simply going to welcome you to the city of Bay City in the name of all the people and I hope you enjoy yourself while here. Have a good time. The city is open to all of you and there will be no restrictions. I hope that you will enjoy yourself and if you can ever do so come back again. Come back again sometime. Gentlemen, I thank you. (Applause.)

#### RESPONSE OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GRISWOLD.

In behalf of my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you for this cordial welcome to your city. I understand you have just entertained a very large convention. But that convention was made up of young men. We are of the older class; some of us have been swept away this year and our numbers are getting smaller and smaller each year. We are meeting here for the purpose of renewing our past experiences. You don't know how much a meeting of this kind means to us. I thank you sir, again. Comrades I am about to pin on the vest of the mayor of Bay City the badge of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

The Encampment badge was pinned on the mayor by Department Commander Griswold.

Department Commander—Comrades, I want to introduce to you Commander Brown to whom perhaps more than any other man connected with the Grand Army of the Republic is due the Service Pension Bill. (Great applause.)

ADDRESS BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BROWN, OF ZANESVILLE,  
OHIO.

Department Commander and Comrades—There has never been a time in the forty-one years since the close of the war of the Rebellion when the G. A. R. stood so high in public esteem as in 1907. From the first citizen in the land, Theodore Roosevelt, down to the humblest citizen, none of you men have seen a more profitable year than 1907. I thank you for this cordial greeting. It is a great honor to look into your faces. I have heard the very stirring address of your Department Commander and want to talk with you a little about the practical things of this organization we all love so much. I am proud of the man who wears the five pointed star of the G. A. R. It is not the question of sentiment; neither is it the matter of choice. It is a matter of duty that rests upon every man who bore an honorable part in the great struggle. When you stood on the mustering line and with uplifted hand swore before Almighty God that you would defend the constitution of the United States and obey the orders of the President and all lawful citizens—that you would defend these United States against all comers whomsoever you took the obligation that rested upon your souls from that day until he joins the Great Army. I challenge the right of any man be he of high or low station to ally himself to any better organization than our own. (Applause.) Every president from Abraham Lincoln to Theodore Roosevelt, save one, has worn the five pointed star you all value so highly. Grant, Garfield, Harrison and McKinley, you will pardon me, they were all born in Ohio. Two members of the Supreme Court, the chief tribunal of the world, wore it. It has only recently disappeared from the Cabinet Board. A large number of men with this badge are in the lower House of the United States and some of them are in the Senate, and none of them wear it more worthily or more proudly than your own Washington Gardner, of Michigan—formerly of Ohio. We measure results in this life by what we accomplish. According to the report on the 31st day of December, 1906, Michigan had five less posts and 162 less members than on the 30th day of June, 1906. This ought not to be. Seven hundred thousand survivors of the War for the Suppression of the Rebellion still live within the borders of the Great Republic. You have twelve thousand in round numbers. I know of no reason why it should not be eighteen thousand, yes, twenty thousand in Michigan. We have got to have them. Go back to your homes again and recruit new life. Go to the comrades of the old line; get them to join the Grand Army of the Republic; beseech them to come in. For there will come a time in the history of the families when children or grandchildren will be put to blush at the enquiry why was not your father or grandfather a member of the G. A. R. Was there a reason? There is. God pity the man who is lost to the opportunities and the duties of this life. God pity the man who has lost the spirit of fraternity, loyalty and charity, who allows himself to sit in idle indifference. The 59th Congress of the United States has been very responsive to the sentiment you have so carefully and with great dignity formulated, when they passed the Macomber Bill. You have put a roof over every soldier from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon. You have now before you the best pension law that this country has had since the days of 1862. Out with the man who would join the Grand Army

of the Republic for the purpose of getting a pension. Out with the man who would join the G. A. R. for any selfish purpose. But my heart goes out to the man who rises to take his place here where duty calls and moves on and moves on and on to the end. You men who fought in the thick of battle, do you remember when you told the comrade next to you that should you die in battle you trusted and hoped he would not forget to inform the folks at home—your mother and your father and perhaps your children. It was a sad moment for you, wasn't it? And some of you said "Don't forget the girl I left behind me, will you boys?" How many of you can give the first ten names on the muster roll of your company? Those who stood in the days of 1860 the G. A. R. seeks to keep alive. We don't want any bitterness or any wrath but we do want charity and loyalty and fraternity. I know there are some of our number who are not as strong on their feet as once they were. Don't point with the finger of scorn at the drunken old reeling wreck, but put your arms around him and try and get him to lead a better life. All of us have our faults. Probably this is the only fault he has, and a little talk from you may bring gladness to his heart and he may have greater courage to throw this off and his home will be a better one both for himself and to all concerned. Let the watchword become, "Go with Us and We will do You Good." If any comrade in your ranks who has passed into the rapid march of the west has forgotten his manhood as to make himself less a man, I beg of you, in God's name, go to him. Put your protecting arms about him. Say to him "Come, go with us and we will do you good." Let that be the watchword of the Grand Army of the Republic and next year we shall number twenty, yes thirty thousand more for I am glad to tell you that today we are 1,022 stronger than we were a year ago. We are a growing army. Don't for a moment think that the men who saved this Republic are men of an obsolete class. God has blessed you as men have never been blessed. There never can be another G. A. R. for you have taught the nations of this earth the ways of peace. Great as you are with all your guns and warships and the army at your command, infinitely greater are you as a nation for peace. These great differences are now being settled in an amicable manner at the Hague. While your country has been threatened with war, you have taught the nations of the earth that war is a serious, serious thing. God bless the Grand Army of the Republic for its majesty and dignity in the days of peace. Let us with heads erect and eyes to the front march to the West, every man giving the last drop of his heart's devotion to the great Republic we all served so well, and when our name shall be signed to the muster roll and we shall look back upon the scenes of this earth then we shall come to know in the fullest and in the broadest measure the glory which enshrines the deeds of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Great applause.)

Department Commander—Comrades, I take pleasure in introducing to you, Comrade O'Neil.

## ADDRESS BY COMRADE O'NEIL.

Department Commander and Comrades—I assure you, comrades, that it is a great pleasure for me to be present with you on this occasion. I remember that in 1889 I had the pleasure and honor of standing on this very platform in the presence of the Department of Michigan. I shall not forget the talk of your then Department Commander who was then going out of office. He made a very stirring address and he was none other than Hon. Washington Gardner, who is sitting behind me here. (Pointing.) Now, comrades, I am glad to be with you. I think, however, that something has been going on since I saw you last. There are not so many of you as there used to be. Now you boys of Michigan have to grow old. You ought to remain young. You have been doing in the Department of Michigan a great work. I have become very deeply attached to your Adjutant General. He is a fine fellow and you should keep him as long as you can. He is whole-hearted and genial and the right man for the place. I hope you will not be so unfortunate as to lose him in time to come.

It was my fortune during the war to serve at least in sight of and with some of the brave boys of Michigan. I remember how heroically and how determined the Michigan men in the Battle of Chickamauga stood for what was right. We are living in an age, comrades, when the memories of the past bring to us thoughts of the future. But for you, this country of ours would not be enjoying the prosperity and the glory that it is at the present time. But for your service, this flag of ours would not be so proudly hailed abroad. But for you, Dewey could not have sailed on that morning in Manila Bay and planned the blockade in that foreign land. But for your service, this country would not be what it is today, and how much glory can be assigned to the soldier who in the hours of our Nation's peril, left his home and all that was dear to him and went forth to suffer the fate of his comrades, bleed if it need be and die if it need be for Old Glory. I am glad, my comrades, that I have lived until this time when we can take into our hearts every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wear on my person the badge of other organizations. But to me, as the Commander-in-Chief has said, the G. A. R. button and the five pointed star is the most highly prized one of all. It means honorable service in a right and just and righteous cause. It means honorable discharge.

Comrades, I am not going to detain you. I could talk here all morning on things that interest you as well as myself and I wouldn't know when to stop, but I know you are here for business. I am glad that I am able to get to the Department of Michigan. You did not serve in the same company or regiment that I did because I served with the best men. You served in the next best and you all served in the best and I have not very much respect for a man who did not serve in the very best regiment. But, comrades, we all fought for the same cause and all of us did what we thought was our duty at that time. May God bless the Department of Michigan, these splendid officers and these magnificent comrades. Go forward and do good. Go back to your homes, as the Commander-in-Chief has said, and each one of you become a recruiting officer. Get them all in, don't miss anybody. There should not be a decrease in the Department of Michigan. Let me excite you a little. Over in Ohio we show an increase of

680. Over in Wisconsin we show an increase of 1,135. Way out in Alaska and Washington out on the Pacific Coast, we have an increase of 764 in that Department. Comrades, it shows what work will do. You can't do this sitting down. It means work, earnest work, good hard work. There is not a comrade sitting here who can't go back to his home and bring in a comrade within the next six months who has either been suspended or who has never belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrades, won't you do it? If every comrade in the state of Wisconsin can do this there is no reason why it can't be done in the State of Michigan. If every comrade in Michigan will do this Michigan will be the banner state and not Wisconsin. Comrades, with all my heart I thank you. I congratulate you. I believe that you will become earnest recruiting officers and that you will bring into the Grand Army of the Republic these men who stood by us in other days. May God bless you and the officers of the Department. I thank you. (Applause.)

Department Commander—The next thing in order will be the announcement of some of the committees.

The Committee on Resolutions: Comrade Henry S. Dean, Post 137; C. L. Collins, Post 419; D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262.

The Chair—The Department Commander recommended that the following be appointed on the deaths of our Department Commanders and I have assumed that this would be agreeable to you and have appointed the following committees:

Committee to draft resolutions on the death of Comrade Alger: Comrades C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; J. H. Kidd, Post 211; Wm. Jibb, Post 45.

Committee to draft resolutions on the death of Comrade A. T. Bliss: Comrades Washington Gardner, Post 210; Wm. G. Gage, Post 38; John Northwood, Post 438.

Committee to draft resolutions on the death of Comrade Shakespeare: Comrades R. R. Pealer, Post 72; E. C. Anthony, Post 300; C. E. Foote, Post 79.

Committee to visit the Woman's Relief Corps: Comrades E. Mallery, Post 382; C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; Louis Kanitz, Post 5.

Committee to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.: Comrades V. H. McBride, Post 262; S. J. Lawrence, Post 318; J. M. Greenfield, Post 89.

We will now listen to the report of the Senior Vice Commander.

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

BAY CITY, MICH., June 10, 1907.

To the Department Commander, Officers and Comrades of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

According to custom, I submit my report for the year ending this date. I have endeavored to perform the duties assigned to me to the best of my ability. If anything has been lacking, I trust the Comrades will attribute it to an error of the head, and not of the heart. My heart has been in the work. I accompanied the Department Commander and the Department of Michigan to the National Encampment at Minneapolis and performed such duties as were assigned to me to the best of my ability. In the absence

of the Department Commander I represented the Department at the funeral services of our late Department Commander, A. T. Bliss. There were present Comrades Palmer, Junior Vice Commander; Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General; McCulloch, Chief Muster Officer, and several Past Department Commanders. We attended private services at the residence, public services at the Masonic Temple and accompanied the remains to the cemetery. I have visited a few Posts and used my best endeavors to secure the reinstatement of suspended members and securing recruits, with some measure of success.

I wish to thank the comrades for the honor conferred upon me and the uniform courtesy with which I have been received during my term of office, regretting that I could not have been of greater service.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RILEY L. JONES,  
Senior Vice Department Commander.

Report received and referred to the following committee: R. L. Warren, Post 137; Albert Dunham, Post 48; L. W. Sprague, Post 83.

Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Junior Vice Commander:

### REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

GRAYLING, MICH., June 10, 1907.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.:

Sir—I have the honor herewith to submit my report as Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan for the year ending June 12, 1907.

My duties have been exceedingly light, but well filled with pleasure, as I have met my comrades in many parts of the state, and have found the Posts generally in a prosperous condition, except that the "Grim Reaper" is fast hastening in his work, though many comrades who had dropped from our ranks are returning, and others are being recruited.

By direction and courtesy of the Commander, I was present with his staff at the unveiling of a soldiers' monument at Ionia, in July, and at the National Encampment in Minneapolis, and at the funeral service of Past Department Commander, Aaron T. Bliss, at Saginaw, details of which will be fully given in other reports.

Thanking all my comrades for the honor conferred upon me a year ago, and for the uniform courtesy extended throughout the year, I am, sir

Very respectfully yours, in F. C. and L.,

O. PALMER,  
Junior Vice Commander.

Department Commander—This report will be referred to a committee consisting of the following: Comrades M. D. Richardson, Post 365; Fred J. Buck, Post 45; Allen Shattuck, Post 42.

Department Commander—The report of the Department Chaplain will now be in order.

## DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FOR 1906.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—My report for 1906, as Department Chaplain, is compiled from 314 reports received from Posts, exhibiting the following summary:

Number of Posts that observed Memorial Sunday.....	300
Number of sermons preached to these Posts.....	300
Number of veterans who delivered sermons.....	21
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered sermons.....	29
Number of veterans present at these services.....	7,009
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	306
Number of veterans present at this observance.....	10,234
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	1,037
Number of graves of comrades decorated.....	23,795
Number of graves unmarked by proper headstones.....	2,822
Number of schools participating in Decoration Day.....	614
Number of scholars present and participating.....	31,509
Number of other organizations participating.....	289
Number of public addresses delivered.....	271
Number of veterans who delivered addresses.....	49
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	36
Number of Posts owning burial plots.....	187

Both Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day were very unpropitious—cold and rainy—detracting unusually from the attendance, interest, and ordinary success of the observance of these great days in many places, and the usual pleasure and satisfaction of Posts and people in these observances.

Of the 314 reports only one states a failure, on account of rain, to decorate the graves in their jurisdiction. A remarkable showing under all the circumstances.

Post 32, Battle Creek, held Memorial services in their new hall, May 30th, for the first time. Post 173, Carson City, says "They had an unusually happy and successful observance of Memorial Day; no public sports or games allowed, places of business closed, and citizens generally attended the services." Thus making it a truly well deserved sacred day. Post 180, Ypsilanti, says "Our Post and citizens had the grandest Decoration Day services we ever enjoyed. At least 4,500 persons were present at the decoration of soldiers' graves."

Post 205, Owosso, reports "Memorial day services, both on the 27th and 30th of May, as very fine, and unusually instructive to the large audiences



present. We have no cause to feel discouraged here. Our whole city is with us; and the city government has paid all expenses for several years. The United States flag floats over our soldiers' lot the whole year."

Post 330, Dexter, declares that "Memorial Day exercises were pronounced by all as the best ever held since the organization of our Post."

Post 337, Ravenna, says "Memorial Day services have always been a success here. It is our most successful holiday; but our numbers are so small that the Relief Corps is our main support."

Post 360, says "As the years go by, we see that the day grows more and more sacred."

Post 410, Vassar, has erected a monument on their burial lot costing \$1,375 and paid for mostly by the Post and Women's Relief Corps.

Post 453, Kingston, on Memorial Day, presented both of their public schools, aggregating 500 scholars, with new National flags.

Post 456, South Lyon, by hard work secured ground and put up a soldiers' monument costing \$350, which they dedicated on Memorial Day.

Could all of our old and worthy comrades not of the Grand Army of the Republic see, as they ought, the great benefits of this organization, both to the living as well as the memory of the dead—indeed to our whole people in the lessons it teaches, the examples it sets in many ways, and the great influence it exerts for our nationality in the uplifting of the character of our citizenship of every class and country; would they only consider that in all probability, but for the existence, spirit, and purposes of the Grand Army of the Republic, their own names and services, and memories and graves might be forgotten, and some become unknown, unvisited, unmarked and undecorated—perhaps some of them be laid like paupers in the Potters-field—and many of them die and be buried without any soldierly services or recognition of any kind, uncared for, living or dead, we say would they only think of this, and try to realize it, we believe they would hasten to join our ranks before it is too late, and assist and encourage us in sustaining and executing the grand objects of our Order.

While some of our Posts are dying out, and our personalities, like our Posts, cannot grow younger, and the inevitable time approaching when the Grand Army of the Republic as a massive and distinguished organization must cease to exist; yet its having existed will constitute one of the most honorable eras, and celebrated events in the memory of our people, and history of our country.

Therefore it will be *an added honor* to the name and record of every soldier to have belonged to it, and have it said of him that he was faithful and true to his old comrades to the last, in perpetuating their memory, and honoring their services, by planting the flag of our country each year over their graves.

In this service, however, a great change must occur. Many of our Posts are now small, feeble, scattered, and old, and unable longer to perform the work of Memorial Day, and are surrendering it into the hands of others. These Posts have long held on more tenaciously to life than they otherwise would, out of the loving and sacred responsibility and duty connected with Memorial Day. It has appealed to their lives, and memories, and experience, and loyalty to their comrades, in a way nothing else could, rendering them persistent in their efforts. This of itself has been a strong motive for continued organized existence.

But that existence and leadership is now passing away from them into the hands of loyal patriotic people among whom they dwell, who sympathize with them, and with the perpetuation and purposes of our greatest National

day, and who must assume the responsibilities and duties of the occasion. All our people are interested, if not connected in some way, directly or indirectly, with the history and life of the greatest fraternal organization that ever existed in this or any other country, wielding a mighty influence over its character and destinies not to be effaced by the tenure of its organized existence, or the life of its integral parts.

To aid in this transfer of active observance of Decoration Day more successfully, and raise up from among the young those who shall become loyal to the old soldiers when they are gone, why not bring in the boys, as well as the girls, into prominent and active service on that day—for instance, placing the little flags on the soldiers' graves, at the same time the girls place the flowers. This would be a practical lesson they will never forget, nor soon depart from. *If we do not learn them to do it, who will?*

Finally, while enjoying so bountifully the rich and proud heritage of peace, liberty, and prosperity, succeeding the fearful sacrifice we have suffered, may our people *never become blind* to the scenes of the past in the great panorama of the vital struggle for the Nation's life—scenes made lurid by the destructive fires of war and battle—nor *deaf to the voices* that utter their lessons and warnings from those bloody and fearful scenes—voices made audible, and agonized, by the groans of the sick, wounded, and dying; and the cries and tears of the widowed and fatherless, stricken and bereft of their human aid, comfort and support.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.

Lansing, June, 1907.

Department Commander—I will appoint the following committee on the Department Chaplain's report: Comrades L. G. Wilcox, Post 419; W. D. Brainard, Post 111; L. H. Ives, Post 451.

Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Medical Director.

Comrade Shattuck—I move you that this encampment take a recess until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Comrade Van Raalte—Comrades, if you insist upon that motion, then I want to make one suggestion, and that is that the chairman of the different committees come to an understanding. I think these reports can be made out during the recess.

Department Commander—I wish you would wait. I think these other reports will be very short.

Comrade Shattuck—I withdraw my motion.

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.

MASON, MICH., June 4, 1907.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report as Medical Director of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1906.

On October 31st of last year I dictated a circular letter which was submitted to the Department Commander and yourself for approval. It was printed and sent out with General Order No. 6 to the various Posts of this Department.

The report of the Post Surgeons are much more complete than in former years, but are yet far from being what they should be in that respect.

Number of Posts in this Department in good standing, December 31, 1906.....	326
Number of Posts that made no surgeon's report.....	127
Number of deaths of soldiers reported not members of the G. A. R. ....	71
Number of reports received from Post Surgeons or Adjutants..	199
Number of death during the year.....	445
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service..	13
Number who presumably died of disease contracted in the service	85
Number who presumably died from other causes.....	347
Number of ex-soldiers or marines treated free of charge.....	51
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$476 40
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers or marines.....	52
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$313 50
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, posts or relief corps or by other organizations or comrades.....	460 90
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies..	\$1,250 80

Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions....	14
Number of ex-soldiers or sailors in almshouses.....	3

The following is the name and location of the State and National Soldiers' and Sailors' Home for the care of ex-union soldiers and sailors of this Department including their wives and widows:

Name, "Michigan Soldiers' Home."

Location, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

## MEN.

Number present in quarters.....	790
Number present in hospital.....	177
Total present.....	967
Number absent with and without leave.....	248
Total membership of men.....	1,215
Number of women present in quarters.....	64
Number present in hospital.....	28
Total women present.....	92
Number absent with leave.....	22
Total membership of women.....	114
Total number men and women present in Home.....	1,059
Total men and women absent with and without leave.....	270
Total membership of Home.....	1,329
Increase of membership over the year 1905.....	50
Number of deaths for year ending December 31, 1906, men....	131
Number of deaths for year ending December 31, 1906, women..	6
Total number of deaths for the year.....	137

Average of members, sixty-nine and one-fourth years.

There is no state institution providing homes for the orphans or needy children of soldiers and sailors.

Current expenses of the Home for the year ending December 31, 1906, \$150,000.00.

The general government pays \$100.00 per annum for the support of each soldier who is a member of the Home, and present therein. The average number present at the Home for the year 1906 was 995, of whom 908 were men, so that the amount due from the United States was \$90,800.00 which is sent directly to the State Treasurer and is placed in the General Fund of the state. This left the cost to the state for the current expenses for the past year \$59,200.00, being less than \$60.00 for the support of one inmate for one year including women, for whose maintenance nothing is given by the general government.

These statistics would have been more satisfactory had all of the Posts reported. One hundred twenty-seven posts made no surgeon's report.

While this report is not absolutely correct, still I am of the opinion it is not far out of the way.

There were fourteen deserving soldiers reported as not having pensions. Doubtless there are many more. By a late act of Congress every regularly discharged soldier will receive a pension; and we can congratulate ourselves that every soldier's name will be on the roll with a fairly liberal pension.

The membership of the Department for the year 1906 is.....	11,068
Number of deaths during the year is.....	445

The death rate therefore is only a trifle over four per cent to the whole number. As near as I can ascertain the ages of the survivors of the Civil War will average about sixty-six and one-half years. Hence the death rate in our ranks is not above the table of vital statistics for men of that age; and from the fact that army service of from two to four years increased the physiological age of soldiers shows that those who now survive were the select, vigorous and stalwart men of that great army whose upright and consistent lives since then has added to their endurance, and upon this fact I congratulate my comrades who still uphold and protect the flag, with the well founded hope that they may live long to see the growing greatness of the nation that they made such great sacrifice to preserve.

In conclusion I would say—I fail to find words to express my appreciation of the honor conferred and kindness shown me by all my comrades especially the Department Officers with whom I shall always recall my associations with the most pleasant recollections.

And on my retiring from this office I say to you, one and all, God be with us till we pass through the gates into the great camping ground above.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
 WILLIAM W. ROOT,  
 Medical Director.

Department Commander—I will refer this report to the following committee: Comrades Raab, Post No. 145; C. K. Browning, Post No. ...; J. G. Berry, Post No. 263.

Department Commander—The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General will now be given.

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

BAY CITY, June 12, 1907.

Joseph B. Griswold, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to report the following amounts received and disbursed by the Assistant Quartermaster General, Department of Michigan G. A. R. from July 17, 1906, to June 12, 1907.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. General E. J. Cox.....	\$1,755 71
Received from Asst. Adjt. General Fayette Wyckoff.....	2,520 89
Received from sale of badges.....	16 75
Received from interest on general fund.....	58 67
Received from interest on Alger fund.....	39 10
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Total receipts.....	\$4,391 12
Total disbursements.....	2,745 39
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Balance on hand, general fund.....	\$1,645 73
Alger fund.....	1,000 00

One thousand five hundred dollars of general fund and \$1,000.00 of Alger fund is deposited in Holland City State Bank and drawing interest at four per cent.

An itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements is herewith attached and which will appear in the Journal when printed. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WM. B. BOSTOCK,

Asst. Quartermaster General, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

DETAILED REPORT OF WM. B. BOSTOCK, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL IN ACCOUNT WITH DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1906.		
July 17...	Cash received from E. J. Cox, Past Assistant Q. M. General:	
	Balance General Fund.....	\$1,755 71
	Balance Alger Fund.....	1,000 00
	Interest on same from June 13 to July 17.....	8 33
	Cash and vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff:	
	Vouchers 1 and 2.....	509 18
July 20...	Cash and voucher No. 3 received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	145 84
July 31...	Cash and vouchers 4, 5 and 6 received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	254 07
	Vouchers 7, 8, 9 and 10 received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	71 68
Aug. 24...	Received from sale of badges.....	16 75
Sept. 17...	Vouchers 11 to 16 inclusive received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	126 30
Dec. 20...	Vouchers 17 to 21 inclusive received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	89 14
Dec. 31...	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	140 00
1907.		
Jan. 15...	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	400 00
Jan. 24...	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	200 00
Jan. 31...	Vouchers 22 to 34 inclusive received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	278 99
Feb. 26...	Vouchers 35 to 38 inclusive received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	76 78
May 20...	Vouchers 39 to 47 inclusive received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	95 01
June 7...	Vouchers 48 to 50 inclusive received from Fayette Wyckoff.....	78 50
June 8...	Received from Holland State Bank, interest on General Fund.....	53 67
	Received from Holland State Bank, interest on Alger Fund.....	35 77
June 11...	Received from Fayette Wyckoff vouchers 51, 52 and 53.....	53 47
	Received from Fayette Wyckoff cash.....	1 93
	Total receipts. ....	\$5,391 12

# TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
<b>1906.</b>		
June 30...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of June salary, voucher 1.....	\$45 83
July 14...	Fayette Wyckoff, stamps, supplies, etc., voucher 2.....	13 35
July 21...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half of July salary, voucher 3.....	45 84
July 28...	C. W. Watkins & Co., premium on bond of Asst. Q. M. General, voucher A.....	12 00
July 11...	Frank Battles, Q. M. General, per capita tax, voucher B.....	196 54
July 21...	Frank Battles, Q. M. General, supplies, voucher 4.....	27 00
July 21...	Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjutant General, supplies, voucher 5.....	22 07
July 20...	Dyer-Jenison-Barry Co., premium Asst. Adjutant General's bond, voucher 6.....	5 00
Aug. 2...	Chas. J. Strang, printing, voucher 7.....	4 75
July 31...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of July salary, voucher 8.....	45 83
Aug. 1...	Jewett & Knapp, 30 bolts ribbon, voucher 9.....	20 00
Aug. 3...	Crotty Bros., record books, voucher 10.....	1 10
Aug. 15...	Watertown Cadet Band, services at National Encampment, voucher C.....	200 00
Aug. 18...	Headquarter rooms at Hotel Nicollet, Minneapolis, Voucher D.....	121 10
Aug. 15...	S. D. Pierce, decorating Headquarters National Encampment, voucher E.....	15 00
Aug. 30...	Jas. K. Davidson Sons, 300 badges, voucher F.....	66 00
Aug. 30...	Jas. K. Davidson Sons, Past Commander Badge, voucher G.....	35 00
Aug. 8...	Minnie Wyckoff, cutting 25 bolts ribbon, voucher 11.....	2 00
Aug. 22...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half of August salary, voucher 12.....	45 84
Aug. 31...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of August salary, voucher 13.....	45 83
Aug. 24...	Fayette Wyckoff, meals at Minneapolis and returning, voucher 14.....	9 70
Aug. 31...	Fayette Wyckoff, expense at National Encampment, voucher 15.....	8 55
Sept. 17...	Fayette Wyckoff, telegrams, stamps, etc., voucher 16.....	14 38
Sept. 17...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half September salary, voucher H.....	45 84
Sept. 17...	C. C. Macomber, reporting proceedings Department Encampment, voucher I.....	40 00
Sept. 29...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of September salary, voucher J.....	45 83
Oct. 15...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half of October salary, voucher K.....	45 83
Oct. 31...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of October salary, voucher L.....	45 83
Nov. 14...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half of November salary, voucher M.....	45 84
Nov. 30...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of November salary, voucher N.....	45 83
Oct. 1...	Chas. J. Strang, printing special order No. 2, voucher 17.....	3 75
Oct. 13...	Fayette Wyckoff, office expense and postage, voucher 18.....	17 00
Nov. 14...	Fayette Wyckoff, railroad fare to Romeo and return, voucher 19.....	3 93
Nov. 26...	Fayette Wyckoff, office expense and postage, voucher 20.....	18 62
Dec. 15...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half December salary, voucher 21.....	45 84
Dec. 10...	Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General supplies, voucher O.....	46 53
<b>1907.</b>		
Jan. 2...	W. B. Bostock, Asst. Q. M. General, half of annual salary, voucher P.....	25 00
Jan. 24...	W. B. Bostock, Asst. Q. M. General, exchange on drafts, voucher Q.....	80
Feb. 2...	Jas. M. Greenfield, expense account, voucher R.....	7 78
Feb. 2...	Henry Spaulding, expense account, voucher S.....	4 42
<b>1906.</b>		
Dec. 27...	Fayette Wyckoff, postage and office expense, voucher 22.....	17 70
Dec. 31...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of December salary, voucher 23.....	45 83
<b>1907.</b>		
Jan. 2...	Fayette Wyckoff, railroad fare to Bay City and return, voucher 24.....	4 51
Jan. 3...	C. J. Strang, printing circulars, voucher 25.....	2 00
Jan. 12...	W. S. Sly, printing blank requisitions, voucher 26.....	5 25
Jan. 15...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half of January salary, voucher 27.....	45 84
Jan. 16...	Crotty Bros., copy and record books, voucher 28.....	3 75
Jan. 18...	Fayette Wyckoff, postage and office expense, voucher 29.....	9 25
Jan. 18...	Fayette Wyckoff, expense to Bay City to meet Committee, voucher 30.....	5 26
Jan. 24...	Robt. Smith Ptg. Co., printing and supplies, voucher 31.....	86 12
Jan. 29...	W. S. Sly, Patriotic Instructor, postage stamps, voucher 32.....	3 25
Jan. 31...	Fayette Wyckoff, postage, voucher 33.....	4 40
Jan. 31...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of January salary, voucher 34.....	45 83
Feb. 19...	Jos. B. Griswold, Department Commander, postage and messages, voucher T.....	4 50
Feb. 26...	Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General supplies as per requisition, voucher U.....	37 30

## DISBURSEMENTS.—Concluded.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
<b>1907.</b>		
Feb. 1...	Fayette Wyckoff, expense to Grand Rapids and return, voucher 35.....	\$5 16
Feb. 12...	Capital City Democrat, printing, voucher 36.....	5 25
Feb. 15...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half February salary, voucher 37.....	45 84
Feb. 25...	Fayette Wyckoff, postage and office expense, voucher 38.....	20 53
Feb. 28...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of February salary, voucher V.....	45 84
Mar. 15...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half March salary, voucher W.....	45 84
Mar. 25...	Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General, per capita tax, voucher X.....	193 69
Apr. 2...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of March salary, voucher Y.....	45 83
Apr. 15...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half April salary, voucher Z.....	45 84
Apr. 23...	Fayette Wyckoff, expense to Saratoga and return, voucher A-1.....	37 45
Apr. 30...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of April salary, voucher B-2.....	45 83
May 15...	Fayette Wyckoff, first half of May salary, voucher C-3.....	45 83
May 20...	Chas. Burrows, Q. M. General supplies as per requisition, voucher D-4.....	33 80
Mar. 7...	Crotty Bros., record books, voucher 39.....	1 00
Mar. 15...	Mrs. Etta Saunders, engrossing resolutions, voucher 40.....	3 00
Mar. 18...	W. S. Sly, Patriotic Instructor, postage, voucher 41.....	2 00
Mar. 25...	Fayette Wyckoff, postage and office expense, voucher 42.....	21 35
Apr. 5...	Fayette Wyckoff, expense to Bay City and return, voucher 43.....	4 76
Apr. 20...	Fayette Wyckoff, postage and office expenses, voucher 44.....	14 42
Apr. 23...	Ripley & Gray, printing circulars, voucher 45.....	1 25
May 4...	Fayette Wyckoff, expense to Grand Rapids, voucher 46.....	4 23
May 17...	Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing rosters, voucher 47.....	43 00
June 3...	Fayette Wyckoff, last half of May salary, voucher E-5.....	45 83
June 4...	Fayette Wyckoff, postage and office expenses, voucher 48.....	25 15
June 6...	Robt. Smith Ptg. Co., printing and supplies, voucher 49.....	47 35
June 6...	Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing and supplies, voucher 50.....	6 00
June 7...	Jos. B. Griswold, Commander's postage and telephone service, voucher F-6.....	4 00
June 7...	Wm. B. Bostock, one-half yearly salary and expense account, voucher G-7.....	26 40
June 11...	Fayette Wyckoff, office expenses, voucher 51.....	2 55
June 11...	Fayette Wyckoff, expense to Encampment, voucher 52.....	5 09
June 11...	Fayette Wyckoff, salary for last half of June, voucher 53.....	45 83
<b>EXECUTIVE AND CREDENTIAL COMMITTEES.</b>		
June 11...	Paid Henry Spaulding, expense account, voucher H-8.....	4 93
June 11...	Paid J. M. Greenfield, expense account, voucher I-9.....	1 40
June 11...	Paid D. J. Wilson, expense account, voucher J-10.....	3 15
June 11...	Paid A. B. Coffinbury, expense account, voucher K-11.....	3 81
<b>Total disbursements.....</b>		<b>\$2,745 39</b>

The committee on the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General will be the following: Comrades H. A. Chapin, Post 31; W. Davey, Post 17; W. S. Nesen, Post 42.

Department Commander—The Adjutant General's report will be somewhat lengthy and I think we will pass that for the present. The next thing is the Judge Advocate's report. I suppose there is no report inasmuch as the Judge Advocate has recently died and no successor has been appointed.

Comrade Van Raalte—Now, Commander and comrades, I hope we will take up the Assistant Adjutant General's report. It is now only ten minutes to twelve o'clock and I am sure we can get all through with this business in ten minutes.

Department Commander—Unless there is objection we will now hear the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.



## REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
BAY CITY, June 11, 1907.

Joseph B. Griswold, Department Commander:

Comrade—As required by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic I herewith submit my annual report of the business transacted at this office for the last twelve months.

The report of membership covers the term ending June 30, 1906, and December 31, 1906, as follows:

	Posts.	Members.
Membership in good standing term ending December 31, 1905.....	340	11,566
Term ending June 30, 1906.		

	Posts.	Members.
Gained by muster.....	120	
Gained by transfers.....	91	
Gained by reinstatement.....	159	
Gained by reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	3	72
Total gain first term 1906.....	3	442
Aggregate.....	343	12,008

	Posts.	Members.
Loss by death.....	236	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	21	
Loss by transfer.....	77	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	9	126
Loss by suspension.....	271	
Loss by surrender of charter.....	4	47
Total loss first term 1906.....	13	778
Remaining in good standing close of term.....	330	11,230

	Posts.	Members.
Term ending December 31, 1906.		
Gained by muster.....	129	
Gained by transfer.....	78	
Gained by reinstatement.....	291	
Gained by reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	7	92
Total gain for term.....	7	590
Aggregate.....	337	11,820

	Posts.	Members.
Loss by death.....	.....	209
Loss by honorable discharge.....	.....	14
Loss by suspension.....	.....	273
Loss by transfer.....	.....	62
Loss by delinquent reports.....	9	166
Loss by surrender of charter.....	2	28
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Total loss second term.....	11	752
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Number remaining in good standing.....	226	11,068

From these statements we make the following recapitulation:

	Posts.	Members.
In good standing December 31, 1905.....	340	11,566
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Total gains for the year.	Posts.	Members.
By muster.....	.....	249
By transfer.....	.....	169
By reinstatement.....	.....	450
By reinstatement from delinquent reports..	10	164
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Total gain for the year.....	10	1,032
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Aggregate.....	350	12,598

	Post.	Members.
Total loss for the year:		
By death.....	.....	445
By honorable discharge.....	.....	35
By transfer.....	.....	139
By suspension.....	.....	544
By delinquent reports.....	18	292
By surrender of charter.....	6	75
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Total loss for the year.....	24	1,530
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Number remaining in good standing.....	326	11,068
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Excess of loss over gains.....	14	498

Our Encampment coming as it does near the close of the first term the losses and gains as the case may be from December 31, 1906, to this date will be shown in the next annual report, and becomes the heritage of the incoming Commander.

The following Posts have been reinstated:

Posts 64, 269, 296 and 339.

The following Posts have been reported delinquent:

Posts 124, 130, 167, 174, 229, 272, 329, 339, 390, 436, 459.

The following Posts have disbanded and surrendered their charters:

Posts 93, 128, 135, 256, 408.

Many of the Posts have failed to properly observe the amendments adopted by the 39th National Encampment held at Denver relative to suspended and dropped members, and many Posts are reporting from term to term a large number of suspended members, for example one Post in December, 1904, reported a membership of 61 with a suspended list of 130. In December, 1905, they report 58 members and a suspended list of 134, while last December the report showed a membership of 54 in good standing with 134 still remaining on suspended list, or 2 1-3 members suspended to one in good standing, and I regret to say that there are other Posts nearly as bad. I know from my correspondence with these Posts that they cannot tell the exact conditions of their membership. The remedy for this condition is provided for in our Rules and Regulations. The attention of Posts is called to the same but no action is taken and the same condition continues. I presume that nine-tenths of these suspended members if asked as to their standing would say, "I expect I have been dropped," when the records show them only suspended. I have called attention to this hoping that some remedy for this can be provided or suggested.

By request from the Pension Commissioner for a list of all veterans of the Civil War who had died during the year, I prepared a blank and sent same to each Post with the blanks for the December report, 1906, of the 326 Posts, 106 reported the deaths as required, 218 not responding, this was a disappointment, I hoped to secure data so as to closely estimate the death rate among the comrades outside the Grand Army and not obtained in our semi-annual reports.

From the letters I have received and the work being done in many Posts I am led to believe that renewed interest is being taken in bringing in those outside our ranks, one comrade who is engaged most earnestly in this work and who alone has brought in 18 applications to his Post this year, said, it was never easier to secure recruits than now, all that seemed to be necessary was for some one to ask them. If every Post had one or more such recruiting officers our reports on membership one year from now would be a surprise.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS.

The moneys coming into my hands during the year have been received from the following sources:

Per capita tax, first term.....	\$1,123 60
Per capita tax, second term.....	1,108 50
From sale of supplies.....	268 19
Reinstatement of delinquent Posts.....	10 10
From other sources.....	10 50

Total received.....	<u>\$2,520 89</u>
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This amount has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General in vouchers and cash and for which I have his receipts.

The cash receipts as shown above show a decrease for the year as compared with last year of \$93.61.

This falling off in our resources has a tendency to cripple the work of the Department. There is work to be done for the good of the order that cannot be done for lack of funds and without drawing upon our reserve funds, which at this time is not considered advisable.

## VISITING POSTS.

I have visited a large number of Posts during the year, more than in any previous year. Some of the Posts visited were on the verge of disbanding, but have been persuaded to continue and in more than one instance their last report has shown an increase of membership. I am fully convinced that we need to get closer together by visiting from Post to Post. Large Posts at a common center can reach smaller Posts near by with advantage to themselves and benefit to others.

## SUPPLIES.

There is on hand supplies valued at \$82.01, as shown by Exhibit A.

## DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

The inventory of Department property shows value of same to be \$130.00. See Exhibit B.

## REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Department is entitled to twenty-two delegates and one delegate at large to the Forty-first National Encampment to be held at Saratoga Springs, September 9 to 14.

## OUTPOSTS.

I cannot refrain from calling the attention of the comrades to this inviting field. These outposts could be organized with very little expense to the parent Post and be of lasting benefit to the comrades. I take pleasure in announcing that one outpost has been organized during the year. This was by Caldwell Post No. 365 of Lake City. The outpost is located at McBain and has twelve members.

At the last Department Encampment, Col. C. V. R. Pond introduced a resolution "Instructing the Assistant Adjutant General to secure from the late Supervisor of Census of this state the card records giving the names of the veterans of the Civil War living in the state and that the same be compiled in suitable form for printing" and made a part of the printed proceedings of this Encampment. Agreeable to the resolution, I wrote to the Secretary of State asking that the cards be turned over to this Department and inclosed a copy of the resolution as adopted by the Encampment. I waited some time and receiving no reply to my communication, I called upon the Secretary of State and was informed that he could not turn them over for publication, as it was against the law under which the census was taken. So that our efforts to secure a census of the soldiers and have the same published has not been a success.

## SOLDIERS' BOUNTY.

In the early session of the present legislature, a joint resolution was passed, authorizing the Board of Auditors to examine and investigate and pay the claims for unpaid bounties. This has been interpreted by many to mean that all who had not received a State bounty should be paid, and I have received many inquiries in the matter. If a comrade is entitled to a State bounty (and they are very few) and he can prove that he never

received it and can establish his claim, he may receive a little benefit. I have yet to find the comrade that has been benefited. It looks to me like a little sop handed out to the old veteran without any seasoning or semblance of seasoning.

#### JOURNAL OF THE FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

I regret to report that the Journals of the last National Encampment have not been received by this Department. A letter to Adjutant General Jos. W. O'Neal on May 10th, asking why we had not received them brought this reply: "The matter is entirely in the hands of Gen. John Tweedale, who, after delays of various kinds, informed us about two weeks ago that the Journal was then ready to go into the hands of the printer. We are sorry for the delay, but have been powerless in the matter."

In conclusion, comrades, let me thank you for your many words of kindness and your forbearance with my shortcomings. And to you, Commander Griswold, I have no words to express my appreciation of the confidence and the honor conferred in appointing me your Assistant Adjutant General. To me, our relations for the year have been most pleasant, and I hope that this happy beginning may continue to the end of time.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Department Commander—I will refer the report to the following committee: Comrades F. R. Chase, Post 126; John Devlin, Post 433; G. W. Norton, Post 111.

Comrade Van Raalte—I move that we now adjourn until after the parade.

Department Commander—Immediately after the parade they are going to dedicate some guns in the park. I will entertain a motion that we adjourn until three o'clock, which is the time set on the general program.

Comrade Van Raalte—I move that we take a recess until three o'clock.

Which motion was carried.

#### MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
SAGINAW, MICH., June 15, 1906.

ROOM 6, BANCROFT HOUSE.

Pursuant to call of Commander Jos. B. Griswold, the Council of Administration met at 4 p. m. to consider such matters as might come before them.  
Present:

Jos. B. Griswold, Department Commander.

R. L. Jones, Senior Vice Department Commander.

W. W. Root, Medical Director.

Wm. Putnam, Chaplain.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

O. Palmer, Junior Vice Department Commander.

E. J. Cox, H. Spaulding, J. M. Greenfield, John G. Berry, Council of Administration.

Moved and adopted that the bond of the Assistant Quartermaster General be fixed at \$3,000.00.

Moved and adopted that the bond of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at \$1,000.00.

Moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to procure the usual bronze badge of the Department for use at the National Encampment at Minneapolis.

Carried.

Moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to procure 2,500 white ribbon badges with the word Michigan printed on in black letters.

Carried.

The Adjutant General was instructed to have repairs made to the flags as may be necessary.

The matter of a band was discussed and the matter left in the hands of the Department Commander and his Assistant Adjutant General.

On motion, Council adjourned to meet at call of Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

Jos. B. Griswold,  
Department Commander.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., January 31, 1907.

Pursuant to the call of Department Commander Jos. B. Griswold, the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration met in the office of the Department Commander.

Present:

Jos. B. Griswold, Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

Wm. B. Bostock, Assistant Quartermaster General.

J. M. Greenfield, Henry Spaulding, Members of Executive Committee.

Meeting called to order by the Department Commander.

Moved that the dates for the Department Encampment be June 11th and 12th, 1907, and the place as selected by the Encampment, Bay City.

Carried.

Moved that the Department Commander be instructed to invite the Commander in Chief to visit the Department Encampment in June.

Carried.

Moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to procure suitable quarters for the Department at Bay City.

Carried.

The Committee then proceeded to audit the books and accounts with the accompanying vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and reported that they found them correct.

The Committee examined the books of the Assistant Quartermaster General and vouchers accompanying the same and reported the same as correct to date.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented a list of delinquent Posts.

Moved and supported that Posts delinquent for one year or more be permitted to restore themselves to good standing by paying dues for one year.

Carried.

The distribution of the Denver Medals to the Posts as provided in General

Orders No. 4 was discussed. It was moved that the medals be awarded to the Posts having the largest net gain.

Carried.

Moved that the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General procure headquarters for the Department for the next National Convention to be held at Saratoga Springs.

Carried.

Comrade Bostock moved that the railroad fare and hotel expenses of the Executive Committee in attending at this meeting be paid.

Carried.

Committee adjourned to meet at call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

JOS. B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
IMPERIAL HOTEL, BAY CITY, MICH., June 10, 1907.

Pursuant to a call of the Department Commander the Executive Committee, Council of Administration, met to audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.

Present:

R. L. Jones, Senior Vice Department Commander.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

J. M. Greenfield, Henry Spaulding, Members Executive Committee.

In the absence of Department Commander Jos. B. Griswold, the meeting was called to order, Senior Vice Department Commander R. L. Jones in the chair.

Minutes of previous meetings read and after the correcting of the dates for holding the Department Encampment from June 13 and 14 to June 11 and 12 the minutes as corrected were approved.

The Committee then proceeded to examine the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and reported that they find the same correct.

The Assistant Quartermaster General not having arrived the Committee on motion took a recess until 10 o'clock p. m.

The train being late the committee was not called to order until 11:30 p. m. when the following were found to be present:

Jos. B. Griswold, Department Commander.

R. L. Jones, Senior Vice Department Commander.

O. Palmer, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Wm. B. Bostock, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

J. M. Greenfield, Henry Spaulding, J. G. Berry, members Executive Committee.

The work of the Committee during the former part of the day was approved.

The Committee then took up the work of auditing the accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

The hour being late and it appearing that the Committee would be unable to finish its work until very late, on motion a recess was taken until 8 a. m., June 11.

The Committee met at 8:15 a. m., June 11th, was called to order by Department Commander Jos. B. Griswold and at once proceeded with the unfinished work of the previous day.

The Committee finished the work of auditing the books and vouchers of the Assistant Quartermaster General and reported that the same were found correct in every detail.

Moved and supported that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to pay the railroad expenses of the members of the Executive Committee and the members of the Credential Committee before closing his accounts.

Adopted.

It being time for the opening of the Encampment it was moved that the Committee do now adjourn.

Motion prevailed.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

Approved:

JOS. B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

## EXHIBIT A.

### INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES ON HAND AT HEADQUARTERS JUNE, 1907.

66 Rules and Regulations at 3 cents.....	\$1 98
3½ Sets Rituals.....	1 75
11 Sets of Officers Cards.....	1 10
12 Service Books.....	1 80
163 Odes.....	82
300 Applications.....	1 20
41 Leaves of absence.....	62
198 Transfers.....	4 45
120 Discharges.....	2 70
2 Charters.....	50
1 Descriptive book.....	50
3 Blue books.....	2 25
20 Officers Badges.....	7 00
23 Membership badges.....	8 05
67 Rank Bars.....	14 07
358 Badge Ribbons.....	14 32
135 Buttons.....	8 10
4 Electrotpe of Badge.....	1 40
15 Orders on Quartermaster.....	4 50
17 Receipt for dues.....	5 10
1 Record Book.....	50

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## EXHIBIT B.

## DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ON HAND.

One silk flag.....	\$25 00
One Union Jack.....	10 00
One Department banner (silk).....	30 00
One typewriter (old).....	30 00
One letter scale.....	1 50
One Department seal.....	2 00
One numbering machine.....	10 00
One duplicator.....	2 00
One letter press.....	1 00
One copy pad bath.....	1 00
Two frames for Department Commanders photographs.....	14 00
One registration rack.....	3 50
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	\$130 00

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

June 11, 1907, 3 o'clock p. m.

Department Commander—The comrades will now come to order.

Comrade Van Raalte—I move that tomorrow morning at the hour of half-past nine we hold the election of the officers of this Encampment for the ensuing year.

This motion was supported and carried.

Department Commander—The report of the Patriotic Instructor comes next.

Assistant Adjutant General—I was informed this morning that the Patriotic Instructor was unable to be present, but that he had forwarded his report to me. I have not received it. If I should receive it before the close of the Encampment I will read it.

Report was afterwards read by Col. C. V. R. Pond and is given here.

## REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

LANSING, MICH., June 10, 1907.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan,  
G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade—I have the honor to make the following report for the year ending June 11, 1907.

Patriotic instruction has become so important and its practice such a fact that the work of Patriotic Instruction in Department and Post has become now more practicable and easy than at first. One hundred and forty Post Commanders appointed and reported to me the names of comrades selected and installed as Post Patriotic Instructors. To them were mailed in care of the Commanders, instructions to guide them in performing work contemplated. Also blank forms for reporting to the Department Instructor were sent to each. Of these, barely a score have been returned, so that I am unable to make a tabulated report of the work done as contemplated by the National Department.

The main feature of the year has been getting the Post Instructors organized for duty in relation to the Department and to aid in local efforts in village, town and city, in conjunction with the W. R. C. and otherwise.

I feel confident that in each case, the Post Patriotic Instructor has looked after the observance of special days, and visited or assigned comrades to visit schools, the same as those who have reported to that effect.

Memorial Day was generally observed with deep interest and large audiences in attendance. Ministers taxing their best thoughts of mind and impulse of heart, to pay worthy tribute at the altars of religion, to the heroism of the men whose sacrifices were the means of securing to church and state the peace and prosperity enjoyed.

Throngs lined the thoroughfares, civic and military parades, bands and fraternities in uniform ranks, children by hundreds in conveyances or walking in line, served as escorts to the old guards as they marched with tottering steps down the street.

In some places school boards have neglected or refused to supply the schools with flags. They thought and even said "*We don't have to.*" They thought and acted differently as others have done when the boys in blue got after them.

The National Patriotic Instructor inaugurated a movement to have placed in school rooms and libraries, or other public buildings a memorial tablet costing \$130.00, containing Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. We know in several places the effort has been made to secure this tablet, with what success I am not advised. I especially urge upon Post Patriotic Instructors to take up this project, and enlist the schools, corps and others in the effort.

No contest was conducted this year by the Department, and we urge upon each Post Patriotic Instructor to have local contests and invite teachers and pupils to speak before the Posts at campfires and memorial services. The seed we are sowing will supply a harvest of patriotism to be reaped when we are gone.

In F. C. and L., I remain,

WINFIELD SCOTT SLY,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Lansing, Mich., June 10, 1907.

Resolutions on the death of R. A. Alger were read by Col. C. V. R. Pond, Department Commander, Comrades of the G. A. R. of Michigan:

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memoriam of Comrade Russell A. Alger, deceased, submit the following:

In his official home in Washington, D. C., where as United States Senator, he was serving the people of his beloved State, there came to our comrade on the twenty-fourth of January, 1907, a summons (not wholly unexpected) that called for an eternal sleep. After fitting exercises by his official associates at our Nation's Capitol, the people of Michigan received at his home city, Detroit, on the Sunday following the remains of their dearly loved one, and on the next day, January 28, 1907, in a manner and followed by a concourse of people never to be forgotten because of its impressiveness, the body was given burial.

Comrade Alger was the first soldier of the Civil War living in Michigan to join the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, going to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1866 to be mustered in, returning to his state and organizing the order known as the first organization of the Michigan Department, of which he was the first Commander. In 1889 he was chosen Commander in Chief of our order.

The public life of Comrade Alger has passed into history, as a full written book, of most loving memories of a devotion to the trusts imposed and service rendered the people, unexcelled. As Governor of his State, as Secretary of War in the Cabinet of President McKinley during a most trying period, when a foreign foe necessitated our Nation's call to arms, as the chosen representative of the people of Michigan in the Senate of the United States, Comrade Alger's record stands as an emblem of purity.

Of his military record every veteran in the ranks of the Grand Army in Michigan is familiar. From a Captain of Cavalry through the grades to a Brigadier and Major General by brevet for gallant and meritorious service, Comrade Alger proved himself a brave and fearless soldier. With the scars of wounds received in battle his body was made the diploma of his worth as one of his country's defenders.

To us of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., Comrade Russell A. Alger endeared himself in most unostentatious manner. His last official act at the close of the Legislature session of 1885 was as Governor to sign the bill which gave to us the Soldiers' Home of Michigan. You all remember that generous act at the Department Encampment held at Jackson in the years gone by, when he presented the Department with \$500, which placed at interest by your officers is now known as the Alger fund of \$1000. He was the friend of every honest soldier of the Union Army of 1861-65 and that is why we loved him living and today revere his memory, as in bivouac he rests on the eternal camping ground.

Therefore, Be it resolved, that this Encampment tender to the widow and children of our late Past Department Commander Russell A. Alger the sympathy of his comrades, in the great loss of so loving a husband and father and that the Assistant Adjutant General send a copy of this expression to Mrs. Alger.

C. V. R. POND,  
WM. JIBB,  
Committee.

Comrade Lawrence—I move the adoption of these resolutions by a rising vote.

Seconded and carried.

Officer of the Day—A delegation of ladies from the Woman's Relief Corps is waiting at the door.

Department Commander—I will appoint a committee consisting of Comrades Pealer, Allen and Cannon to wait on them.

The ladies were escorted to the platform by the committee duly appointed and were introduced in turn by Department Commander Griswold to the convention.

Department Commander—I take great pleasure in introducing to you Carrie R. Sparklin, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Applause.)

You know it is not good for man to be alone.

### ADDRESS BY NATIONAL PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, CARRIE R. SPARKLIN, OF MISSOURI.

Department Commander, officers and members of the Department of Michigan—I am a Missouri woman and you have to show those of us who come from Missouri, so I have come to Michigan to be shown the comrades of the Grand Army of Michigan and I want to assure you that I think you are a good looking set of comrades to meet. That much has been shown me. That is not all. The hospitality of the State of Michigan has always been shown to a Missouri woman and I appreciate it very much. When I was down in the Department of Texas, as you well know they are a small department, they were gathered down in front of the rostrum and as I sat down in the back of the room where they had their convention and looked around at that small band of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic it reminded me of an old fashioned Methodist love feast and so I feel that the conventions of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps are truly love feasts. At that time they talked of their past experiences and also formulated many plans for the future. I bring to you comrades today the greetings of one hundred fifty-five thousand loyal women. Your Department Commander has said that it is not good for man to be alone and inasmuch as we have jogged along with you for about twenty-five years we feel that we are married to you. We have gone along during all that time without a ripple of discontent and we are your auxiliary. Now, I am not going to take any more of your time, but say to you that as National President, I hope to see you all at Saratoga at my reception. I thank you for this courtesy and I hope I may be able to extend the hand of fraternity when I am there and when we meet at that place. I thank you gentlemen again for the courtesy extended. (Applause.)

Officer of the Day—There is a committee of Ladies of the G. A. R. waiting at the door.

Department Commander—Ask them to kindly wait a few moments until we get through with the delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps.

A motion was made that they be invited to take seats which was seconded and carried, whereupon the Ladies of the G. A. R. were permitted to take seats in the auditorium.

Department Commander—I take pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Sarah L. Brown.

### ADDRESS BY MRS. SARAH L. BROWN OF ITHACA.

Commander Griswold and comrades—It gives me unbounded pleasure to look into your faces once more. It has always been my pleasure to go before the Grand Army of the Republic and I will go ahead of our National President and I will say that you are the handsomest set of men that I have ever seen. I will put you ahead of Ohio and even Missouri. We women love the G. A. R. We have been associated with them for about twenty-five years. I think the G. A. R. showed wisdom when they made us their only auxiliary. They say that no man can serve two masters. You don't have to go very far back of that to say that no man can have two wives. The opening remarks of your Commander reminded me of a poem written by my husband. I hope you will not think me conceited in giving it to you.

I sometimes read a paragraph, in which I think is shown  
The profoundest word of wisdom the world has ever known,  
In which God said "It is not good that man should be alone."  
But, imagining a moment that His work had been reversed,  
He'd have said the same of women, if she'd been created first.  
And I have often thought, and I think the same tonight,  
The world would be a dreary world, man's plight a sorry plight,  
If in making us a helpmeet, as you know the chapter tells,  
God, instead of making woman, had created something else.

I know there is a legend that in an early day,  
Down in an Eastern Garden, she led the man astray;  
But knowing her as we do, we could not credit it,  
If 'twere not plainly stated within the Holy Writ.  
And according to our notion of the best domestic plan.  
That he slept and let her wander was no credit to the man.  
When she'd secured the apple, let that be wrong or right,  
She showed her woman's nature, by giving him a bite.

From that day to the present, for man she's had a care,  
And if she gets an apple, he's sure to have a share:  
And further, we discover, she knows what she's about—  
Man blunders into trouble she has to help him out.  
And if once she was outwitted, it is no cause for sport,  
For cajoling with a serpent is surely not her fort.  
Now, in the sweetest gardens, or in the lowest slums.  
She is apt to fight the serpent in whatever form he comes.

And although she's not an angel, much less a seraphim,  
When compelled to meet the reptile she gets the best of him.  
And now, without transgressing, she somehow has a plan,  
To get the apple all the same, and give it to the man.  
The roughest with the fairest go, the weak go with the strong,  
'Twas ever demonstrated thus—that each to each belong;  
Man goes upon his way and woman comes along,  
And vice versa too, where'er in all the world is she.  
There man is, or there he wants to be.

The world to man has ever been a world of grief,  
 Except as she, in her divinity, supplied relief.  
 Relief: 'Tis woman's watchword, and where'er she goes,  
 She smiles away our sorrows and banishes our woes.  
 And man, in all the struggles, failures, toil and strife,  
 And dire emergencies, oft incident to life,  
 To extricate himself may try—in brief—  
 He simply reaches forth to woman for relief.

Department Commander—Comrades we have with us today the wife of your once beloved Governor and your Department Commander. (Applause.)

Mrs. A. T. Bliss—Comrades I hope I will not disappoint you because I am no speechmaker. I trust that you will have all kinds of success and I hope that I may never see the day when the Grand Army of the Republic has passed away.

Department Commander—Mrs. Udell, of Three Rivers, Past President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Udell—Another year has passed away and we are glad to be here again. It certainly is a pleasure for us to make the sacrifices we do to leave our homes and come here because we are more than repaid for doing it. We love the G. A. R. We promised to be true to you and we are doing it. We hope in the future to be just as true to you as we have in the past. We are the only auxiliary to the G. A. R. and we are going to stay steadfast to you. We can remember distinctly when you comrades marched off to save the flag. (Applause.)

Department Commander—I will now introduce to you Mrs. Eva A. Gray, of Grand Rapids, of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Gray—Comrades I am glad to look into your smiling faces. I am not going to make you a speech. I am simply going to recite a little poem:

I fought under Lee and Stonewall,  
 And I hated a Yankee like sin,  
 But gimme my uniform, sergeant.  
 I'm going to fight agin.

I took out my old gray clothes last night,  
 I thought of the day they was new.  
 And I looked at the holes in the left-hand sleeve,  
 Where a minie-ball went through.

And I heard the band play "Dixie—"  
 And I heard every note—  
 And I thought of Manassas and Shiloh,  
 And a lump came up in my throat.

Then I said "Go back to that old oak chest,  
 There aint no more service for you;  
 I'm going to fight on the side that's right,  
 And I'm going to wear the blue."

There's jest one thought in every heart,  
 One word in every mouth;  
 For things is all so twisted round  
 That there aint no North nor South.

I never thought it would come to this;  
 It's strange, but I reckon its true;  
 For its jest one country and jest one flag,  
 And we're all a wearing the blue.

Department Commander—Mrs. Babbitt. You all know Mrs. Babbitt. Mrs. Babbitt—Mr. Commander and beloved comrades. This is the first time in all my life that I have looked into your faces although I have been President of the 27th Michigan Infantry and worked for the old soldier since 1861. I am very glad to meet you today. The Department President sends her best wishes and she has sent some flowers which are to be presented to you and your officers.

A committee of the ladies then pinned the bouquets on the officers on the rostrum and the remaining flowers were distributed throughout the assembly.

Department Commander—Mrs. Pond.

Mrs. Pond—You have listened to the remarks of my co-workers. The Department President asked me to speak last and to give you her report.

## OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

DOWAGIAC, MICH., June 8, 1907.

Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan:

Dear Sir—It gives me pleasure to furnish you through the courtesy of the committee of greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic a statement of the condition and the results of work accomplished during the past year by your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps.

While we cannot report a gain by new Corps organized; we can say that the interest is unabated as shown by the membership, and from everywhere over the State come the excellent reports of the observance of Memorial Day, more children taking part in the exercises than heretofore; this, together with the dedicating of several monuments where the money raised was through the direct efforts of the Woman's Relief Corps, have given new inspiration to our work.

Number of Corps in Department.....	222
Number of members in Department.....	8,602
Cash expended in relief by Corps.....	\$1,806 39
Estimated value of relief, other than cash.....	3,805 97
Total.....	<hr/> \$5,612 36

Number of soldiers and families assisted.....	1,459
Cash expended from Department Relief.....	\$85 00
Cash in General Fund.....	663 98
Cash in Relief Fund.....	83 00

These figures seem large but cannot express all the good done by our earnest, loyal women—how the homes of many have been cheered, by thoughtful, loving acts, and where the gloom has been over shadowed by the bright flowers and tender words of sympathy.

We thank the Officers and members of the Grand Army for the courtesies extended to our organization, and pledge again our loyal support.

Yours most sincerely in F. C. and L.,  
KATE M. REDNER,  
Department President.

The Encampment badge was then pinned on the ladies by Department Commander Griswold, after which they retired.

Department Commander—We will now receive the Ladies of the G. A. R. I will appoint as such a committee Comrades Dean, Bostock and Greenfield. (The ladies were escorted to the platform amid applause.)

Department Commander—I take pleasure in introducing to you the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Jameson—Commander and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: It seems strange for me to be introduced to you. The boys of Michigan know Mary Jameson. We had the honor and the pleasure of listening to the report of the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. One of them said "We are the only auxiliary." Comrades, we are your only wives. My memory went back to the time of the war. We all had the same spirit then. I bring the greetings of the Department of Michigan, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are not so strong as our sister organization but we work just as hard for the old boys. A little incident came to my notice a short time ago which I wish to recite to you which will take you back to the war times and the many sorrowful things that happened. A young man by the name of Johnson living in Washington, New York, the only support of his mother. He wished to enlist. His mother wanted him to go and she didn't want him to go because he was her only support. One day he came from the field with his scythe over his arm and he said "Mother, I am going to go." He hung his scythe up and he said "Mother you leave that there until I return." He enlisted in a company formed of his neighbors and in the first engagement he was lost. They never heard of him again. His mother, in her sorrow, left the scythe hanging there. The tree grew and the scythe got tighter and tighter around the limb of the tree. At the present time it has grown into the tree. Every Decoration Day the G. A. R. go to that tree and decorate it with flowers and they hold a memorial service there. Comrades, that is some of the sorrow that the Ladies of the G. A. R. have encountered.

I will relate another incident that is a little more personal. A blind man and a little girl, the only two of a family when the brothers had enlisted. Each morning they would read the daily papers to see if the names of their brothers were among the missing. One of the mornings they noticed the names followed by the word "Missing." This little girl has grown up to be an old woman. She will never forget the look in that blind father's eyes on that morning. That little girl was myself and that blind man was my father and the missing boys were my brothers.

Department Commander—We will now listen to the President of the Naval Reserves:

President of the Naval Reserves—I am proud to say that the Ladies of the G. A. R. are the true friends of the G. A. R. and although we are small, as my sister has said, we do all in our power to help the old soldiers and shipmates and this afternoon I greet you all as brothers for you certainly all belong to us. I will say also all honor to the soldiers of 1861 and 1865. May the memory of their noble efforts be always kept alive. I thank you.



## REPORT OF THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.,  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
BAY CITY, MICH., June 11, 1907.

Commander Joseph B. Griswold, of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade—While the Ladies of the G. A. R. are not auxiliary to the comrades, their work is on the same lines and for the same purposes and for the good of all old soldiers and sailors or marines now living in the State of Michigan, their wives, their widows and their children, we wish to report in the same manner as the W. R. C. are in the form of doing, that

Cash received during the year from all sources.....	\$939 10
Disbursed in general form.....	452 68
Balance on hand June 11, 1907.....	<hr/> \$408 52
Cash paid out for relief.....	176 83
Relief extended, other than money.....	383 89
Flowers furnished to the sick, at the funerals of our dead comrades and sisters and strewn on the waters in loving memory of our sailor dead.....	500 00
For Michigan scholarship in the Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, we have paid.....	50 00
Toward the erection of a pavilion at the Andersonville prison in Georgia now being erected by the Ladies of the G. A. R. at a cost of \$1,500.00, the State of Michigan Ladies of the G. A. R. have contributed.....	50 00

We are ready at all times with our hearts and hands, for we are the wives, the mothers, the sisters, the nieces of the Boys in Blue.

Respectfully submitted,

M. CELIA BARBOUR,  
President.

AURILLA LEROY,  
Secretary.

The Encampment badge was pinned on each one of the Ladies of the G. A. R. by Commander Griswold and the ladies were escorted from the hall.

Department Commander—We will now return to the regular order of business—The Committee to visit the Soldiers' Home.

Comrade O'Neil—I hope you will pardon me but your Adjutant General and the Department Commander and some of the other comrades have asked me to say a word about Saratoga Springs at which place the 41st National Encampment is to be held. I spent four days there. I want to tell you that in my judgment we are going to have the best reunion we ever held. We are not going to be crowded as we have been at other encampments and in addition to that in my judgment we are going to receive more for the

money than any place we have ever been. Through the influence of the Commander in Chief, the comrades living on the trunk line of the Association of Railroads and in the Central Passenger Association will receive a rate of one fare for the round trip, which is practically one cent a mile. (Applause.)

Department Commander—I want to say just one word in regard to my address this morning. I spoke of past Commander in Chief Tanner as having been instrumental largely in the passage of the Pension Law of February last granting to every soldier a pension of twelve dollars. I did that upon the report of the Past Commander in Chief. When I came to look the matter up I have heard from others—I want to say to you now that I have ascertained that our present Commander in Chief, Comrade Brown, was really instrumental in the passage of the bill.

Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Committee to visit the Soldiers' Home.

Report read by Comrade Jibb.

BAY CITY, MICH., June 11, 1907.

Col. Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Sir—Your Committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home beg leave to submit the following report:

The committee which was appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids attended to their duties as ordered by the Department Commander. On May 9, 1907, assembling at the Livingstone Hotel at 2 p. m. and to the exceeding great pleasure of your committee we were met there by our kind and genial Department Commander and under his escort we proceeded to the home. Arriving there we had the pleasure of first meeting the Adjutant who called Col. Turner, the Commandant (a very pleasant and competent officer). But he being very much indisposed we were left in charge of the Adjutant who could possibly have done no more than he did in taking us over and through every department of the entire home. No one had any idea that we were to be there on that day, so could certainly not have prepared for an inspection or investigation.

Every building and room was visited by us; all the different wards and companies; reading-room, library, dining-room, cooking and store-room, laundry, bath, barber, shoemaker, and tailor departments, toilet rooms, dispensary and hospital, in fact every place about the Home and buildings with the Women's annex. We desire to report that it certainly gives us pleasure to say to you at this time that in no instance could we discover anything or any place in all the surroundings of this beautiful home where we could see any chance to make even a suggestion for betterment in the way of cleanliness, in neatness in the rooms, bedding, cooking or kitchen, dining room or the service of the food itself in every particular being of the very best, and we assure you that the discipline and management, in every regard, by Col. Turner was of the very best. It was also evident in going among the "Old Boys" that the efficient Adjutant had the good will and respect of them all and while talking with the "Boys" there they said that at no time could they see any reason for complaint.

The water is splendid and of an abundant supply. Fire protection is ample; there being a good supply of hose attachments in all the halls in every building. The new hospital building is a very fine structure and finely arranged. There are now 156 male patients and 28 women. The surgeon in charge is a splendid, kind-hearted man and apparently very competent.

Also his assistant surgeon and trained nurses who see that each patient has the medicine and all the care prescribed by the doctor in charge. Everything was just as neat and clean as could possibly be made and perfectly free from any bad odor. But the "Boys" you are well aware are growing old and the terrible hardships which they endured in the army service is now telling its story and they are fast passing away. And they say there when one dies, "they have taken him across the bridge" as they have to cross a stream in going to the cemetery. There are now absent on leave 354 men and 26 women.

Miss Sollou is the matron of the Women's Department and has full charge. And from the report of Col. Turner, and in fact all the officers, she is a very efficient officer and just the person for the place, being a graduate and trained nurse, and we are fully satisfied that she could have no higher recommendation than that she received her instructions from your worthy Department Commander, J. B. Griswold. She was very kind in showing us through the entire building and all its surroundings and which, in the judgment of your committee, there could be no improvement in the care and kindness which the Old Ladies were getting, at least we were so informed by them.

They had just finished putting in a new refrigerator which they had made of cement, the work being done by the "Old Boys." It is the opinion of your committee that too much credit cannot be given Miss Sollou for her efficient work in her department. Captain Phillips is the present Quartermaster and from the mention of his name you will know that the "Boys" are well fed and clothed.

The number present at the time of our visit was 777 men and 83 women. Average number of inmates during the year 609. Average from January to March, 1,003. About sixty per cent are able to do detail work and about forty per cent are not able to do any work. Every inmate is subject to detail for one day's work once in three months and if for any reason they fail to answer to the detail they are required to pay into the treasury the sum paid to the person who does the work, all of which your committee consider just and right. The amount paid inmates for labor is from twenty-five cents to fifty cents per day according to the work and also what each one is able to perform. Such as kitchen work and nursing the sick in the hospital. Sergeants of the different companies receive \$12.00 and Corporals \$5.00 per month for their services. The average pension the "Boys" were getting was \$10.00 to \$12.00 per month. But since the later age pension law has passed the average now is \$12.00 to \$15.00 and there has several hundred left the home on that account as there was at one time 1,131 men and 111 women as inmates, now there are 777 men and 83 women.

There has been one rule adopted by Col. Turner which your committee feel fully satisfied is worthy of commendation, viz.: The Colonel, Adjutant, Surgeon and Engineer on every Saturday visit each room in and about the Home. The Colonel for the purpose of inspecting the clothing and bedding; the Adjutant to see if there is anything in or about the beds that should not be there; the surgeon as to the physical condition of all the inmates and the Engineer as to the heating and sewerage, all of which is most respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM JIBB,  
EDWARD B. NUGENT,  
EDWARD C. ANTHONY,  
Committee.

Department Commander—I will appoint the following committee on that report: Comrades C. E. Foote, Post 79; F. R. Chase, Post 126; Grant, Post 451.

Comrade Devlin—I desire the privilege at this time of introducing a resolution that is of importance to every soldier in the State of Michigan and which will take up but a moment of your time. I desire to offer this resolution.

Resolved, That the Department Commander and the Adjutant be and they are hereby instructed to wire the House of Representatives at Lansing urging the passage of Substitute for House Bill No. 129, File No. 49, known as the Soldiers' Employment Law. Now, comrades, I don't know as I could make a more brief explanation than by reading to you a letter which was sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate while the bill was pending in the Senate and so I will just read it to you so that you will understand the nature of the resolution that I offer for the benefit of the old soldiers of Michigan.

The letter is dated May 16th to the Honorable M. H. Moriarty, Chairman of the Military Committee of the Senate, Lansing, Michigan:

Dear Sir—We are instructed to call your attention to a very important amendment to Section 2 of your substitute for House Bill No. 129, File No. 49. An examination of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Ellis vs. Council of Grand Rapids, 123 Michigan, page 567, will show that unless Section 2 of the bill is amended to include the Public Departments it would be of little value to amend Sections 1 and 3 of the act. We assume that the original intent of the law was to include all those who were employed in such Departments. We are advised that you are a friend of all of those who honorably served their country in its day of need and that you are ready and willing to do all in your power for the old soldier. The time is rapidly approaching for Memorial Day, May 30th, when all over the State and the nation the old soldiers will turn out to honor their dead. You and your associates upon the committee in the Senate can do a great and lasting service by amending Section 2 of the substitute bill to include Public Departments. We, therefore, on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic and the organization of Veterans sincerely ask you to do this and have the bill reported out and passed by the Legislature before Memorial Day, so that official notice can be made and the exercises of that day concluded by kindly expressions of those of you and your associates.

Hoping for your favorable action and hoping for your hearty cooperation in this cause, we are,

Very respectfully, etc.

I wish to say something to you in regard to the scope of the bill. We have a law in Michigan that old soldiers shall be preferred, everything else being equal, in employment. But the supreme court of the State in this case that an amendment should be made to Section 2 of the act to include Public Departments and all of the people who are employed in all the municipal departments of cities or in the State House at Lansing are entirely excluded from the law. At the present time the bill is in the hands of the House of Representatives. I have a letter here in answer to my letter written by the Chairman of the Military Committee, Hon. M. H. Moriarty. The letter follows:

SENATE, LANSING, MICH., May 20, 1907.

Mr. John Devlin, Detroit, Michigan:

Dear Sir—I have your letter of the 16th and will say that I have drafted a substitute for the bill you mentioned in your letter and will endeavor to get it through the Senate tonight.

M. H. MORIARTY,  
Chairman, Military Committee of the Senate.

At the present time it is before the Committee on Ways and Means and I wish this Encampment would do all in its power to work for the bill because I understand there is an effort on at Lansing to smother the bill. I wish you would adopt these resolutions so that our comrades will get the preference in these positions. I trust, comrades, that you will pardon me for intruding upon your time just now. (Applause.)

Department Commander—Comrades, you have heard the resolutions. What is your pleasure?

The resolutions were duly adopted.

Department Commander—Are there any further communications? We are now under the head of Communications.

Comrade H. J. Milburn; Post No. 111—I have a short resolution I would like to offer.

The resolution offered by H. J. Milburn of J. B. Brainard Post, No. 111, Eaton Rapids, Mich., was unanimously passed by the Post April 2, 1907, viz.:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Post that the Department Encampment, G. A. R. of Michigan, to be held at Bay City, Michigan, June 11 and 12, 1907, be and is hereby requested to pass the same, asking Congress to pass a law granting to all survivors of the late war of the Rebellion, who were honorably discharged, who served 90 days or more, or who were discharged for wounds or disability, a pension of \$1.00 per day the rest of his life, and all widows to be pensioned at \$12.00 and make those now drawing less at \$12.00 per month, nothing herein to prohibit those widows drawing higher rates according to now existing laws and that all Examining Pension Boards and Special Examiners be abolished and the money so appropriated be paid direct to the soldiers and the widows.

H. B. OLMSTED,  
Commander.

W. D. BRAINERD, Adjutant.

Moved and supported that the resolutions be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Carried.

Department Commander—Anything else under the head of Communications?

Commander in Chief Brown—When the pension committee representing the National Encampment called upon the President of the United States we discussed this very matter of the widows, and when your Committee was in the Speaker's room of the capitol after having talked the matter over at some length, Mr. Speaker said "Brown, the widows appeal to me very strongly." We have the pledge of the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a number of Senators and

**Representatives** that the pension of the widows will be increased to twelve dollars per month. The 41st Encampment will undoubtedly put that duty upon the next Commander-in-Chief and the Pension Committee and if I am living next winter I want to go to Washington to be there at the finishing up and see that every widow is on the rolls at twelve per month. (Applause.)

**Department Commander**—We would like to hear the report of the Committee on the report of the Committee to Visit the Soldiers' Home.

The committee reported unanimously in favor of adopting the report. Seconded and carried.

**Comrade Foote**—I have a resolution which I desire to read.

Whereas, Certain unfavorable comment has been made against the Soldiers' Home, and its management, by certain members of the legislature and whereas all the managers of that institution are comrades who have the best interests of the old soldiers at heart, who know their wants and needs.

And, Whereas, We are informed that certain legislation is contemplated by the legislature which in our judgment would disrupt and embarrass the present very able management of the Home, destroy discipline and upset the present rules:

And, Whereas, The present very able committee on Soldiers' Home have examined said Home and all its details and have made to this Encampment a very flattering report as to its conduct and management.

Therefore, Be it resolved, That we believe that no legislation or change in the working of the Soldiers' Home should be taken without first consulting this Department through the Department Officers. We therefore advise that no legislation be made which will in the least disturb the present excellent management of the Soldiers' Home. We have the utmost confidence in its present management.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

**Department Commander**—Any communications or resolutions?

**Comrade Kanitz**—I move you that a copy of the resolution just passed be sent under the seal of the officers of this Department to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

Carried.

**Department Commander**—Any reports of committees?

**Comrade Foote**—I have another short resolution that I desire to read. under the present ruling of the G. A. R. a comrade who has once been commander of a Post and moves to another state cannot hold that office. This resolution that I am offering does away with that.

Whereas, Comrade Henry P. Barnum, having served a full term as Post Commander in the Department of Illinois and also as Senior Vice Commander of that Department and is now a member of Post No. 35, South Haven, Michigan, therefore be it

Resolved, That he be recognized in this Department as a Past Post Commander and a Past Senior Vice Department Commander.

It was moved and supported that this resolution be adopted.

Carried.

**Comrade Browning**—Is that an individual affair or is it policy for us all? I stand exactly in that position myself.

**Comrade Foote**—It is an individual affair.

**Comrade Browning**—I wish it could be a universal affair.

**Comrade Shattuck**—I think this is a matter that pertains to the National Encampment. I move you that we make that a resolution and instruct

our delegates to the National Encampment to look after it there. Make it a universal rule throughout the United States.

Department Commander—It is the rule of the National Encampment but it can be made a personal thing in each case.

Comrade Shattuck—That is all right.

Comrade Spaulding—I move you that the name of Comrade Browning be included in this resolution.

Department Commander—All those in favor of including Comrade Browning in this resolution say—

Comrade Browning—I am a Michigan soldier. The whole time I was credited to Michigan and served in a Michigan regiment and was honorably discharged as a member of a Michigan regiment. After the war I went east. I was elected a Post Commander and served for one year and a half. Since that time I moved back to Michigan and I would now like to belong to the Michigan Encampment.

Department Commander—All those in favor of it say aye.

Carried.

Department Commander—I have known Comrade Browning since he was in the cradle. We were in the cradle together.

Comrade Chase—The committee on the Assistant Adjutant General's Report beg leave to recommend the adoption of the report.

Carried.

Comrade O'Neil—I want to say to the comrades of Michigan without any desire to flatter this Department but I am in constant correspondence with the various Adjutant Generals and I want to congratulate you upon the splendid Adjutant General you have in this Department. Comrade Wyckoff is one of the very best and I congratulate you upon his splendid service and the work that has been done in the G. A. R. during the past year. I know a great deal about it because I have been in correspondence with him.

#### DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO 41ST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Assistant Adjutant General—This Department is entitled to twenty-two delegates and one delegate at large making twenty-three delegates to the National Encampment to be held at Saratoga, and the same number of alternates.

Comrade Pealer—In behalf of the Committee on Resolutions on the death of Past Commander Shakespeare I beg to submit the following:

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BAY CITY, MICH., June 12, 1907.

Department Commander—Your Committee report the following:

Whereas, Divine Providence has sounded taps and has taken from amongst us, our beloved Comrade, William Shakespeare, who was our Department Commander for the year 1898, therefore

Resolved, That it is fitting, that the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, testify to the many good qualities, of our distinguished comrade, who as a soldier in the great War of the Rebellion, served his country with great credit, from the date of his enlistment, April 12, 1861, until he received the seven terrible wounds through his body, at the battle of Jackson, Miss., July 11, 1863, which few could have survived and from which he suffered untold agonies, until he died. Through all these years

of suffering, he bore himself uncomplainingly and with great fortitude and cheerfulness.

He won a fair measure of success in business and attained honorable position in civil life and faithfully discharged his duties, as a citizen and official, notwithstanding his sufferings from his wounds.

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, G. A. R. in encampment assembled, tenders to his bereaved widow and family, its sincere sympathy and condolence.

Resolved, That the Department has sustained an irreparable loss, in the death of our loyal and devoted comrade and past Department Commander, William Shakespeare and his memory will be fondly cherished, as long as the Department exists.

R. R. PEALER,  
C. E. FOOTE,  
ED. ANTHONY,  
Committee.

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Comrade Peeler—I move the adoption of the resolution.  
Carried.

Department Commander—The Assistant Adjutant General has a communication which he would like to read.

Assistant Adjutant General—The Bay county delegation is requested to meet at the hall of your Post tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock sharp. Also Comrade James Van Kleeck is going to present a flag to the high school of the West Side at eight o'clock tomorrow morning. All comrades are invited to be present.

Department Commander—All comrades are invited to witness this flag presentation by Comrade Van Kleeck at eight o'clock at the West Side High School. Is there anything else along the line of communications and reports of committees? If not the next order of business is new business. Someone suggested that the report of the Department Mustering Officer had not been received.

Assistant Adjutant General—The Chief Mustering Officer not being present I wish to say a few words. He told me this noon that his report had been left with the stenographer and he did not receive it. He has, however, promised to have it put in the Journal without being read to the encampment, leaving it, I suppose, to the Adjutant General at his discretion as to whether or not it was proper.



## REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

LANSING, MICH., June 10, 1907.

Fayette Wyckoff—Assistant Adjutant General:

Dear Sir—I have the honor to submit the annual report of my office.

No new Posts have been mustered into this Department during the year. There was no other business, to my knowledge, to be reported on.

The days of additions to our Department of new Posts have gone by. We cannot expect to muster many, if any, more new Posts but we can gather up now and then a veteran and muster him into our Posts already organized; but that is all.

With thanks to the Department Commander for the honor conferred in naming me the Chief Mustering Officer, I am,

In F. C. and L.,

J. K. P. McCULLOUGH,  
Chief Mustering Officer.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BAY CITY, MICH., June 12, 1907.

Joseph B. Griswold, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade—We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and also the vouchers showing the receipts and disbursements of their said offices during the year, and find the same to be correct.

There was on hand in the general fund at the commencement of this administration the sum of.....	\$1,755 71
Received from all sources during the year.....	2,635 41
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	\$4,391 12
There has been disbursed as follows:	
Assistant Adjutant General, salary.....	\$1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General, salary.....	50 00
Expenses at Minneapolis Encampment.....	336 10
Per capita tax to National Department.....	390 23
All other expenses including postage, office supplies and badges and all other incidentals.....	869 06
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Total expenditures.....	\$2,745 39
Leaving balance on hand.....	1,645 73
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Total.....	\$4,391 12

**Alger Fund:**

Received from former administration.....	\$1,000 00
Received interest on same.....	39 10
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	\$1,039 10

Transferred to general fund..... 39 10

Balance..... \$1,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,

HENRY SPAULDING,

Executive Committee, C. of A.

Comrade Pierce, Post No. 140—I want to say one word to the Department in regard to Post Patriotic Instructor. I found that our school board had formulated plans for the coming year and it was impossible to bring anything new before them.

Comrade Willett, Post No. 145—As Commander of Post I made the appointment, under instructions, from the Patriotic Instructor, and he went to work with the board and he reported to me, as Commander of the Post. He reported that over six hundred children had listened to patriotic instructions and there were not a dissenting vote in the school board or any of the school teachers in regard to the matter and the surrounding schools in our county were in the same condition. Wherever they could not get a soldier to address them there were others who were glad to do it. I have heard from other counties even way up north and wherever they went out and did not say to the school board you must do this and you must do that they were met with a warm reception and the time was given for the instruction and I tell you it was one of the grandest days that we ever had in Flint. (Applause.)

Department Commander—Those of you who heard the address of the Department Commander this morning will probably remember that the National Encampment has provided for the office of Post Patriotic Instructor and that it is the duty of every Post in this Department to appoint a Post Patriotic Instructor and elect him. It is the duty of the Post. We expect every Post to perform that duty and there will not be any trouble about the execution of his duties or the treatment he will be accorded from every school in the State of Michigan.

Comrade Thompson—Suppose you appoint one and he does not do anything?

Department Commander—Appoint another one.

Comrade Mallory, Post No. 382—I was elected Post Patriotic Instructor of my Post. I went to work and gave them what little instructions I had. We succeeded this year in getting out in line three hundred and sixty children. I did not know what course to pursue but went to the schools and told the children such stories as I remembered of what we had to endure in the 60's and I got them interested. When I saw that they didn't have the stars and stripes in the house I did some scolding. I said to the board on an occasion of this kind that they had better get the building a flag; if they didn't I would see to it that they didn't get their primary school money.

I don't know whether I did right or not but I notice that they got the flag. (Applause.)

Comrade Copley, Post No. 114—At the last annual meeting of our Post an instructor was appointed. Soon after I wrote the Department Commander for instructions and he answered that he was very glad that we were interested in the work and that as soon as he received some he would send some on to us. Now I believe there should be some public and patriotic instructions for our schools and I think they should come from the fountain head.

Department Commander—They will be out next year. It is not thoroughly organized yet.

Comrade Pealer—I move you that the Department now receive invitations for the next annual meeting of the Department.

Comrade Hamburger, Post No. 433—I want to say to you that we are not ready at present for that. A great many of our delegation from Detroit will not be here until some time today. We have not met yet.

Department Commander—We have a communication here from Detroit.

Comrade Hamburger—We are not ready to present it yet.

Department Commander—It is now in the hands of the Adjutant General.

Comrade Hamburger—I do not know whether the committee is ready but if they are I have no objections.

It was moved that the question as to next place of meeting be postponed until tomorrow morning.

Comrade Willett, Post No. 145—I did not understand that it was to fix the time so much as it was to receive invitations, communications or petitions (whatever you might call them) from any city that desired to have the encampment there next year.

Department Commander—That was the idea. They would be referred to a committee.

Comrade Pealer—I made that motion for the reason that I thought it would be a good idea to do so when we have a large crowd here. Tomorrow we are going to settle the question of officers for the ensuing year and after that the crowd will go away.

Comrade Devlin—When I left Detroit I understood that an invitation was to be extended on the part of the city of Detroit to have this convention meet in Detroit next year. That was my impression. If the Commander of the Detroit Post is present I think he ought to speak at this time and tell us whether the Detroit boys want us there. I think that would settle the question so far as the delegation from Detroit is concerned.

Comrade Dean—I had the pleasure of meeting Comrade Janes last Thursday and he expected to be here this morning. He will be here this evening loaded down with invitations I know for Detroit which I believe every comrade will respond to. It will only take him about two minutes and a half to fix it up. I know he has invitations from the Board of Trade, the Common Council and everyone else. They promised to decorate Detroit and fix things up in nice shape. I hope this matter will be postponed until he gets here. You will remember that Comrade Janes has lost his chief clerk and he is a very busy man.

A motion was then made that the matter be laid on the table. This motion was carried unanimously.

Comrade Carrington—We are going to have a camp fire here tonight. As chairman of the committee, I have instructed the guards to let no one in except the old soldiers and members of the Woman's Relief Corps. If

I were to let the doors open tonight there would be no room for the old soldiers because the boys in the town would fill up this floor.

Comrade Fee, Post No. 98—I would like to suggest a slight change and I think then we will all agree with Comrade Carrington. A great many of our comrades have their wives or friends with them and I think it ought to be fixed up so as to read “Ladies accompanied by members of the G. A. R.”

Department Commander—I would not entertain any motion of that kind because Comrade Carrington is the “boss.”

Comrade Carrington—There will be no trouble about that. My only object was to keep the boys and the crowd from town out.

The committee on the Medical Director's report reported and made a motion that the report be adopted. This motion was carried unanimously.

Comrade Richardson—Your committee on the Junior Vice Commander's report recommend the adoption of the report.

Carried.

Comrade Richardson, Post 365—I wish to ask one question for information. The Post to which I belong has an outpost. We have no report from that outpost; no report from them concerning Memorial Day. They met Memorial Day and decorated the graves just the same as we did but they made no report unless they reported to you.

Department Commander—They are an outpost under your jurisdiction and you must see to it that they report to you.

Comrade Cook—I move you that we now adjourn until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Carried.

## SECOND DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 12, 1907, 8:30 o'clock a. m.

The Department Commander—The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing:  
The Department Chaplain:

Almighty Father, in Thy care we have rested safely through another night, and we welcome this day under the blessing of God's providence. Grant Thy blessing upon our Commander; upon every officer of this Department. Upon all these comrades here and those who are away at their homes. Grant Thy blessing upon our organization in all its splendor and grandeur throughout our land. Make it still a power for good and for patriotism. Grant that Thy presence may be with us through all our duties of life; give us strength and wisdom and guide us. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Department Commander—There are still some committees that have not reported and we will listen to the report of the Committee to Visit the Woman's Relief Corps.

Comrade Allen—The committee appointed to visit the Woman's Relief Corps have performed that duty. We assure you that we have met with a royal welcome. The chairman of the committee met an old sweetheart of his which added to the occasion. I am glad to bring back their best wishes. (Applause.)

Comrade McBride, Post No. 262—Your committee authorized to call on the Ladies of the G. A. R. beg leave to report that they have performed that duty. They found the ladies in must excellent condition and full of patriotism and we bring back with us their best wishes to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Commander—The report will be received and placed on file.

Comrade Northwood—I beg to submit the resolutions drafted by this committee on the death of Hon. A. T. Bliss.

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BAY CITY, MICH., June 11, 1907.

Joseph B. Griswold, Department Commander, and Comrades—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Past Commander A. T. Bliss would respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, Since the last session of our State Encampment death has removed from our midst Past Department Commander and Comrade Aaron T. Bliss. Therefore be it,

Resolved, By the 29th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in session assembled, that in the death of Comrade Bliss the Department has sustained an irreparable loss and all comrades a true and constant friend, the State and the Nation a faithful and efficient public servant, and society an upright, useful citizen;

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Department be and are hereby

extended to the widow of our late comrade, and with them the assurance of the high regard entertained for her by all the comrades of this Department.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Bliss by the Assistant Adjutant General.

WASHINGTON GARDNER,  
WM. G. GAGE,  
JOHN NORTHWOOD,  
Committee.

Resolutions adopted.

Comrade Janes submits report of Committee on Department Commander's Address and recommends that the sum of thirty-five dollars be appropriated for a badge and that it be presented to Department Commander Griswold. This motion was supported and carried.

Report of Committee on address of Department Commander.

BAY CITY, MICH., June 12, 1907.

To the Department Encampment, G. A. R. of Michigan:

Your committee appointed on the report of the Department Commander, reports as follows:

We recommend the adoption of the report and earnestly call the attention of the comrades of the Department to the suggestions made therein about suspended members and patriotic instructions in our public schools.

In view of a possible deficit in the finances of the Department each year, after using all possible economy we recommend the adoption of the suggestion made by the Commander that the yearly per capita tax be increased five cents per member, making the tax 25 cents per member instead of 20 cents.

Respectfully submitted.

O. A. JANES,  
E. C. CANNON,  
JAMES VAN KLEECK,  
Committee.

Comrade O. A. Janes submits report of the Legislative Committee.  
Dr. J. B. Griswold, Department Commander, G. A. R., Michigan:

Sir—The legislative committee appointed by you report that there has been only one matter referred to that committee by this encampment one year ago, and that was in reference to the employment of ex-soldiers and sailors in public departments and public works.

Your committee find that some years ago an act was passed by the legislature which in part preferred ex-soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion for employment in public departments and municipal corporations, but we found that it was inadequate to meet the object designed in this: That Section 1 of the Act provided that in every public department and all public departments in all municipal corporations and upon public works of the State of Michigan honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the late rebellion shall be preferred for appointment and employment, age, loss of limb, or other physical impairment which does not in fact incapacitate shall not be deemed to disqualify them, provided, however, that the applicant shall have been a resident of the State for at least five years and of the county in which office or position is located, for at least two years and possesses other requisite qualifications.

Now this section does not provide for the employment of such ex-soldiers and sailors in the public departments of the State and your committee presented to the present legislature an amendment of that section to include the public departments of the State, and also to include the ex-soldiers and sailors of the Spanish War and the Philippine insurrection.

Section 2 of said act provided that no veteran holding an office or employed in the public works of any city or town of the State shall be removed or suspended or shall, without his consent be transferred from such office or employment except after a full hearing before the mayor of such city or before the common council of such town, and at such hearing the veteran shall have the right to be present and to be represented by council. Such removal, suspension or transfer shall be made only upon a written order of the mayor or common council.

A recent decision of our supreme court has held that this section applies only to those employed upon public works and not to those employed in public departments. So that it protected only a very few of such persons coming within the purview of this section, because they are too aged to be employed on public works.

Your committee presented an amendment to this section to include all those employed in every department of the State as well as county, city, township and village, and upon the public works of the State and in all counties, cities, townships and villages of the State, and provides that no removal or suspension or transfer of those employed in the public departments of the State shall be had only upon a hearing before the governor of the State.

Section 3 was also amended so as to provide a penalty clause for any violation of the preceding sections and also giving to the ex-soldiers or sailors the right of mandamus in event that any violation of this act should be attempted by the authorities and also to be entitled to an action for damages in any court of competent jurisdiction for any illegal removal.

This bill as thus amended was passed by the present senate as I am informed by the chairman of the committee to whom it was referred and is now before the committee on state affairs of the house of representatives, and as yet we are not informed of its passage by the house. If it is not already passed only a few days remain before final adjournment of the legislature and we are fearful that it will be pigeon holed and the law will not be amended as designated to the benefit of the veterans.

No other matters were presented to your committee, but your committee, knowing that several years ago this encampment passed a resolution calling for the erection of a monument by the State of Michigan to the soldiers and sailors, and an effort was made to secure an appropriation for such purpose. A design was agreed upon for a monument costing \$250,000 and the Senate passed the act making this appropriation, but the committee on ways and means of the House of Representatives refused to report out the measure and pigeon holed it so that it died and the monument was not erected. The chairman of your committee endeavored to see if an appropriation could not be made at this session of this legislature for such monument, but he found a divided opinion among the legislators as to the kind of a memorial to erect. Many of the members were in favor of a memorial building in connection with the addition to the capitol building, while others were in favor of a shaft, but they thought it would be unwise to present the measure at this time for the reason that there was such a large demand for appropriations calling for public buildings and other measures demanding a vast amount of money that it would fail. We did not press the matter

at this session, but in view of the fact that there seems to be a difference of opinion among the members of the legislature, as we found at this time, and also when it was before the legislature some years ago in regard to whether it should be a shaft or memorial building, it seems to your committee that it might be wise for this encampment if it desired to have the matter of an appropriation presented again to the legislature to designate what kind of memorial it desired.

There was a matter placed in the hands of the chairman of the committee from a Post in the northern part of the State asking legislation exempting ex-soldiers and sailors from taxation on property to the amount of \$1,000. This matter not having been passed upon by the encampment, your committee did not feel like taking up the matter before the legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. N. JANES,  
E. M. ALLEN,  
Committee.

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

Department Commander—Comrades, the hour has arrived that you set for the election of officers. Before we take up that business I would like to hear from Col. Janes a moment in regard to the place of holding the next State Encampment.

Col. Janes—Comrades, I have been delegated by the Business Men's Association and Convention Association of Detroit to present to you their compliments and ask that you hold the next Department Encampment of 1908 in the city of Detroit. (Applause.) I have here an invitation from the mayor of the city of Detroit on behalf of the city of Detroit to the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, an invitation to hold its 1908 meeting in our city. Every delegate to a convention expects to combine business with pleasure. The city of Detroit has earned the reputation of being a convention city. It affords ample facilities for conventions having hotels enough to accommodate conventions of any size. Its location on the beautiful Detroit river gives ample opportunities for those who seek pleasure on the water. I claim that Detroit has a right to press its claim as the convention city.

DETROIT, MICH., June 5, 1907.

Dear Sir—On behalf of the city of Detroit, I extend to the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, an invitation to hold its 1908 meeting in our city.

Every delegate to a convention expects to combine business with pleasure. The city of Detroit has earned the reputation as the "Convention City." It affords ample hotel facilities and has public halls adapted for conventions of any size. Its location on the banks of the beautiful Detroit river makes it possible to reach countless resorts and beauty spots on Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie, within a few hours ride. Palatial pleasure steamers, that are a revelation to the eyes of the easterner, and one continuous source of wonder to the far westerner, ply the waters of the river and lakes in every direction. Innumerable inland lakes, famed for their fishing, may be reached by the interurban lines. Truly, Detroit has a right to press its claim as the "Convention City."

Chevalier de Cadillac, more than two hundred years ago, founded Detroit,



and remarked in his memoirs that the people who would one day live in the mighty city, which, in his prophetic vision, he saw on the banks of the river, would be a happy people. Cadillac foresaw truly. In Detroit life is worth living. We invite you to try it a week. Perhaps some will be tempted to make it a permanent home. However, you will be welcome whether you stay a week or a life time.

Respectfully,

WM. B. THOMPSON,  
Mayor.

Hon. J. B. Griswold,  
Commander Michigan Department, Grand Army Republic,  
Bay City, Michigan.

I also have one from the Detroit Board of Commerce, signed by its president and extending a hearty invitation to come.

DETROIT, MICH., June 10, 1907.

Hon. J. B. Griswold, Commander, Michigan Department, G. A. R., Bay City, Michigan.

Dear Sir—In behalf of the members of the Board of Commerce, I wish to extend to the Michigan Department of the Grand Army of the Republic a cordial invitation to make Detroit the place of your next Annual Encampment. In doing so I am sure I voice the sentiments of the citizens of Detroit generally. The fact that this city has six Posts of the Grand Army, besides the Relief Corps and auxiliaries, and that here is located the monument which commemorates the valor of soldiers from the whole State, might be urged as an additional reason why the Michigan Department should, once in a while, gather here. Should the determination of your comrades favor this choice, you may be assured of a hearty welcome.

Yours very truly,

LEM W. BOWEN,  
President.

And another from the Secreatry of the Detroit Convention and Tourist's Bureau.

DETROIT, MICH., June 4, 1907.

Hon. J. B. Griswold, Commander Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

My Dear Sir—In behalf of the commercial and business interests of the city of Detroit, I desire to extend through you an invitation to the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, to hold its encampment in 1908 in the city of Detroit. This city has always been very patriotic in all of its undertakings, and the young soldier boys here today together with the staid old business men unite in inviting you veterans to give us a visit next year, at which time every endeavor will be made to make your stay as pleasant as it is within our power.

We feel certain that the old soldiers of the good old State of Michigan will be glad to come to Detroit, and the residents here will do their best to make their stay very pleasant. You will be provided with certain entertainment that we cannot forecast, but which will be the very best at our command.

Trusting that we will have the pleasure of entertaining the G. A. R. boys in 1908, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,  
 MILTON CARMICHAEL,  
 Secretary and manager.  
 Detroit Convention and Tourist's Bureau.

Now I desire to say that the Encampment of Michigan was held in the city of Detroit at the time I had the honor and pleasure of being your Department Commander. It has not been held in Detroit since. Now come to Detroit in 1908 and let us show you what Detroit can do to entertain the old boys of Michigan. I move you that Detroit be the next place of meeting.

Moved and supported that Detroit be the next place of meeting.

This motion was unanimously carried.

Comrade Lawrence—Comrades, as Detroit has been chosen as the next meeting place, I withdraw the name of Wm. Davey for Junior Vice Commander. We do not want the earth. We want you to come to Detroit and we will show you a good time. (Applause.)

Department Commander—The time has come for the election of officers.

It was moved and supported that five comrades be appointed as tellers.

The following comrades were appointed: Albert Dunham, Post 48; D. K. Halsey, Post 38; Wm. B. Bostock, Post 5; A. J. Ward, Post 262; S. J. Lawrence, Post 318.

Comrade Kanitz—I move you, sir, that the nomination speeches be limited to five minutes and the seconding speeches to one minute and a half.

Seconded and carried.

Department Commander—We will now proceed to the election of a Commander. As the districts are called for, and you have a candidate you will place his name in nomination.

Comrade Graves, Post No. 45—Commander and comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic: I desire to place before you at this time the name of one of our comrades for the position of Department Commander. He is at the present time a resident of Lenawee county. He has been a resident of that county almost all his life. He was born in New York but brought up in Michigan. He was a boy and a young man in Michigan. He went out in 11th Michigan in Company "F" and helped to make the name of Michigan illustrious. He served in that regiment three years; was wounded twice, and that regiment you will remember went through a hard fought battle in the 14th Army Corps of Cumberland. Comrade Jibb was in Company "F" under the leadership of that eminent commander and in getting up the hill in that contest his brother was shot down by his side. A few moments later the flag staff was shot down. A color-bearer was killed and a few moments later another color-bearer was killed. Then Comrade Jibb took the colors and carried them to the front and for that act he received the commendation of his officers. I cannot spend the time here today, comrades, to tell you of his army record. It is sufficient for me to say that on every occasion he was ready and willing to do his duty with as much credit as any soldier who went out of Michigan. Today we present his name to you for the position of Department Commander. He was deputy sheriff of our county for a number of years. Afterwards was elected to the State Senate and served one term. Since that time he has been in the West and returned again to Lenawee county to reside but

a few short years ago. I call your attention more especially, comrades, to his record as a Grand Army man. I say to you that he stands the peer of any Grand Army man in the State of Michigan. A patriot, enthusiastic in the work of the Grand Army and always has been. Comrades, he will devote a great deal of his time to visiting the Posts. He is Commander of our Post and has filled it with credit to himself. I want to say to you comrades that he is a man who would fill the position of Department Commander to the credit of everyone in the State. I want to say to you that we are in a critical position. I heard yesterday from the Commander in Chief that we needed more men to fill the places of those who are dropping out. When he has closed his year you will say "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have done your duty well." Give him an opportunity and he will do as much good for the G. A. R. as he did in the 11th Infantry and as he is doing in every walk of life. I want to say just a word to my friends over in Saginaw. Saginaw has had the office of Department Commander twice—Comrades Bliss and Northwood—from Saginaw. We have never had a Department Commander that I know of. I ask you to vote for Comrade Jibb for Department Commander. (Great applause.)

Comrade Wilcox, Post No. 419—It gives me pleasure, comrades and commander, in looking over this audience, to know that they are going to act in as sane and intelligent manner as they have always done. The Grand Army of the Republic has always held a high position in this State. This is due in no small measure to the fact that they are very careful as to who shall be their officers. It gives me pleasure, gentlemen, to say to you that the Tenth Congressional District and the Saginaw District feel that they are presenting a man for your consideration for this position that is the peer of any comrade in the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrade Gage, of Saginaw, has been selected as the choice of my district and other districts as Commander of this Department. He is well known. He was a candidate for the position a year ago. Stood second on the list. Comrades, he was kind enough to withdraw in favor of the present Commander. It was largely through that action that the present Commander was selected. He is an old soldier. He is a gallant soldier. It is not necessary to go into his career in the Army. He did his duty as a soldier and as a man and bears an excellent reputation as a citizen of this State. He is a good citizen and an earnest, honest, hard working man. He is at the present time occupying the position of judge of his circuit and he is filling that position with credit to himself. I want to say to you, comrades, that if Comrade Gage is selected for your Commander you will make no mistake. As I said before you will make no mistake. I know you will make no mistake anyhow for whoever you select will be a good man for the place. None, however, will give better satisfaction to the organization.

Comrade Stevens, Post No. 140—Comrades, in order to successfully sail your craft you have got to see that your jib is all right. We feel that our Jibb is ready to take hold and carry us successfully through another year, and I, therefore, second the nomination of Wm. Jibb for Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Lawrence—I have had the pleasure of knowing Comrade Jibb for some time. In behalf of the Grand Army Posts of the southern part of our county I second the nomination of Wm. Jibb. So far as any man being a peer in the State of Michigan I think all the boys are peers. When Wm. Jibb takes the position of Department Commander for the coming year he will do the same as he has done through life. He will take it with a

will, with a determination to help the Grand Army of the Republic and fill the place with credit to you and to himself.

Comrade Janes—Commander and comrades, I am informed that Comrade Jibb is going to devote his time during the year to visiting Posts and for that reason I support Comrade Jibb for the place.

Comrade Foote—You comrades who have been in the habit of attending encampments for years past do not need an introduction to Comrade Jibb. You know how enthusiastic he has always been. You know how he stands in his own home and I believe that he will fill the position with as much credit as he has those which he has filled at home. In behalf of the delegation from Post No. 79, Kalamazoo, I heartily support the nomination of Wm. Jibb. (Great applause.)

Comrade Wilcox, Post 67, Bay City—We repeat the action of a year ago. And now on behalf of the Posts of the Eighth District I withdraw the name of W. G. Gage in favor of Wm. Jibb. (Great applause.)

Comrade Pond—I move that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of this encampment for Comrade Jibb for Department Commander.

Seconded and carried.

Assistant Adjutant General—In conformity with the instructions of the Department I now cast the vote of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, for William Jibb for Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Department Commander—I declare William Jibb to be elected Department Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, for the ensuing year.

It was moved and supported that two comrades be appointed to escort the newly elected Commander and Comrade Gage to the rostrum.

The chair appointed Comrades Van Raalte and Kanitz to act in this capacity.

Department Commander—While the committee is out looking for Comrade Jibb, we will proceed with the selection of a Senior Vice Commander.

The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll.

Comrade Carrington, Post No. 278: It is the custom and the courtesy of the State Encampment to select a Senior Vice Commander from the city in which the encampment is held. We have a number of good men for this position in Bay City and it is hard to pick out the best man. I have been instructed to nominate E. B. Nugent for the position. There is no better soldier in the State of Michigan. I move that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of this encampment for Comrade Nugent as Senior Vice Commander.

Seconded and carried.

Assistant Adjutant General—Agreeable with instructions I cast the vote of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, for E. B. Nugent for Senior Vice Commander, for the ensuing year.

Department Commander—I declare E. B. Nugent to be elected Senior Vice Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, for the ensuing year.

Comrade Van Raalte—Your committee has performed its duty and is pleased to present to you our future Commander, Comrade Jibb, and Comrade Gage, of Saginaw. (Applause.)

Department Commander—I take pleasure in presenting to you Comrade William Jibb, your newly elected Department Commander. (Applause.)

Comrade Jibb—Department Commander, officers and members of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, it would take me some time, comrades, to put into words and frame it into sentences to thank you as I feel today. I am proud of the honor you have conferred upon me. I shall try my best during the coming year, as I have always done in the past, to do my duty to you and to make my administration a success in every way, shape and manner. Now, comrades, this is no time or place for speech-making. You have your work before you, but I want to say this to you, it will be my pleasure and I consider it my duty to visit just as many Posts as I can get to and talk to you at your homes. I want you, as the comrades have said, in the coming year to boom the G. A. R., and see that every comrade in the State of Michigan is a member of the Department of Michigan. I will do my level best to make that my object. I have nothing to do but to visit the old boys, and nothing gives me greater pleasure in life and I shall be around to see you at your own Posts and rooms and at your campfires. I thank you again for the honor conferred. I will try and be Johnny on the Spot. I thank you.

Department Commander—I desire to introduce to you Comrade Gage, of Saginaw.

Comrade Gage—Department Commander and comrades: I had prepared a neat, little talk, but in your wisdom you have taken a different course, so I am afraid it will not do now. I never could understand why the G. A. R. would bring out a fellow who got licked. I suppose they want to see how badly his eyes are swollen and what kind of bruises he has got. Now if that is what you are looking for you will be disappointed for I haven't got any of them. I want to say that as a charter member of Post No. 38 of this Department, and I think every comrade of that Post will bear me out in this, that I have always been in the front in that organization. I feel from the bottom of my heart as the Commander in Chief has said—that although he belongs to a number of organizations, none have a warmer spot in his heart than the G. A. R. I desire to thank you for the courtesy extended. I want to thank those who stood by me from my home town as well as in other sections of the State and I desire now to state to you that I am entirely satisfied with your choice and I believe that you acted wisely. I am glad that Comrade Jibb is elected. (Great applause.)

Department Commander—We will now proceed with the election of a Junior Vice Commander:

Comrade Brainard, Post No. 111—I want to nominate a comrade for Junior Vice Commander who is a member of a Post for twenty-four years. We have as many delegates to the State and National Encampments every year as any other Post in the State. We have thirteen or fourteen here today. We are here every year. I think the Assistant Adjutant General will bear me out in this statement. I place in nomination Comrade Henry J. Milburn for Junior Vice Commander. Mr. Milburn is from Eaton Rapids, Post 111.

Comrade Pond—Commander and comrades: I don't believe anyone could sit on this platform and look into your faces and say that your decision in these matters was not for the best interests of the Department. We have acted wisely this morning in the selection of your other candidates and I know that you are going to act wisely all the way through. You have carried out the wish of the Commander in Chief in placing a man at the head of this order who will have the time to visit the Posts. You have made a very good choice in deciding upon Detroit as the next meeting place.

There is a cry in the southern part of the State which we should not ignore. I have been travelling over counties of the southwestern part of the State. I have heard a man mentioned there. I said to the members over there—"Aren't you going to Bay City to attend the encampment." They said "There is no use of going; we never get recognized at these encampments." I want to present to you the name of a man who has been with us every single encampment and doing God's service for us at all times. I nominate Henry Spaulding of Hartford.

Comrade Shattuck, Post No. 42—I have been asked to present the name of a candidate who was in the first Battle of Bull Run. He is a member of the old Third Michigan Infantry. He was at Appomattox. He is a charter member of the Post at Muskegon. He has been an enthusiastic and earnest worker of the Grand Army of the Republic. I present the name of Daniel G. Crotty of Fairbanks Post, Detroit.

Comrade Cook, Post No. 42—I rise, sir, to support the nomination of one of the best candidates that has been presented to this convention. On behalf of myself and the comrades sitting around me here, I desire to second the nomination of Henry Spaulding of Hartford.

Comrade Andrews, Post No. 72—We have done well in selecting our Department Commander for next year. We have likewise done well in selecting the Senior Vice Commander. Let us continue the good work and do the same in the selection of our Junior Vice Commander. In behalf of the entire delegation of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I take pleasure in supporting the name of Comrade Henry Spaulding for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Foote—The same words that I said in favor of Comrade Jibb for Commander I say in regard to Comrade Spaulding for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Mallory, Post No. 252—In behalf of the Fifth District I am on my feet to support the name of Henry Spaulding.

Comrade Spear—I am no talker but I want to say that I have been very close to Comrade Spaulding for a good many years. In behalf of the second district, I want to support the nomination of Comrade Spaulding.

Comrade McCullough, Post No. 36—I wish to support the nomination of Comrade Spaulding and in doing this I voice the sentiment of a great many Posts.

Comrade Kent, Post No. 384—I knew Comrade Spaulding in the army. I have known him ever since he came out of the army. He is a straightforward man, a faithful man and will make a good Junior Vice Commander of this Department for the coming year.

Comrade Crotty—I withdraw my name for the office of Junior Vice Commander. We are all eligible. We are all members in good standing of the G. A. R. One is as good as the other. I have been a faithful member myself for the last thirty years. I hope to visit the Posts and attend these encampments for the next thirty years to come. Now the Department Commander was elected by a unanimous vote without a ballot. The Senior Vice Commander was elected in the same manner and now, comrades, I think the office of Junior Vice Commander should be treated in the same manner.

Department Commander—We will proceed to ballot for the office of Junior Vice Commander. It has been the custom in these elections for the comrades to get up and move about. Now, I ask you to keep your seats and the tellers will get to you.

Comrade Brainard—I rise to withdraw the name of Comrade Milburn. (Applause.)

It was moved and supported that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for Comrade Spaulding for Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Assistant Adjutant General—As instructed I now cast the vote of this encampment for Henry Spaulding for Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Department Commander—I declare Henry Spaulding to be elected Junior Vice Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Department Commander—We will now proceed to the nomination and election of a Department Chaplain. The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll.

It was moved and supported that the present incumbent, Wm. Putnam, be selected for the same position for the ensuing year.

Assistant Adjutant General—It is with pleasure that I cast the vote of this Department for Wm. Putnam, Post No. 42, for Chaplain of this Department.

Department Commander—I declare Wm. Putnam elected as Chaplain of this Department for the ensuing year.

Department Commander—The next thing in order will be the election of a Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade McBride—There being no nomination I move that the rules of this encampment be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Department for Comrade W. W. Root, Post No. 451, for Medical Director.

Seconded and carried.

Assistant Adjutant General—In conformity with the instructions of the Department, I now cast the vote of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, for W. W. Root for Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Department Commander—I declare W. W. Root elected to the position of Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade Root—I did not expect it. I 'did my duty to the best of my ability. Seeing there is no other candidate I accept it and I thank you for the favor shown me.

Department Commander—The next thing in order is the election of a Council of Administration.

Comrade Kanitz—I put in nomination the name of Comrade M. D. Richardson, of Lake City, Post No. 365, for member of the Council of Administration.

The name of George Raab, Post No. 145, was placed in nomination.

Comrade Kanitz named Steve Mallery, Post No. 382, for a member.

Capt. J. J. Drake of Post No. 21, was placed in nomination.

E. T. Carrington, Post No. 278, was presented.

Comrade Graves—I place in nomination the name of Henry Stevens, Post No. 32.

Department Commander—Our Council of Administration is entitled to but five members. If there is no objection, we will proceed to ballot.

Comrade Stevens—I withdraw my name.

It was moved and supported that the rules be suspended and that the

Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the encampment for the remaining five candidates for the Council of Administration.

Carried.

Assistant Adjutant General—Pursuant to instructions I cast the vote of this Department for M. D. Richardson, Post No. 365; George Raab, Post No. 145; Steve Mallery, Post No. 382; J. J. Drake, Post No. 21; E. T. Carrington, Post No. 278, for members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

Department Commander—Comrades, you have elected these comrades as Council of Administration for the ensuing year and I declare them elected.

Department Commander—This Department is entitled to twenty-three delegates to the National Encampment. The first thing in order will be the selection of a delegate at large. Each Congressional District is entitled to one delegate but there is only one delegate at large for the State. Don't get this mixed up with the other delegates.

The name of Comrade John Devlin was placed before the encampment as delegate at large to the 41st National Encampment.

It was moved and supported that John Devlin be the delegate at large of the encampment to the 41st National Encampment.

Department Commander—You have elected John Devlin as your delegate at large.

Comrade George B. Howe was elected as alternate delegate at large to the 41st National Encampment.

Comrade Nugent, the newly elected Senior Vice Commander, and Comrade Spaulding, the newly elected Junior Vice Commander, were introduced to the encampment, after which they took their seats on the platform.

Assistant Adjutant General—Yesterday I passed out to you comrades slips on which you were to place the name of your delegate to the National Encampment together with the name of the alternate delegate. You were to hold meetings in various parts of the hall and decide on these delegates and hand them in to me. Now I will read the names as they have been handed in:

#### DELEGATES TO THE 41ST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

- District No. 1, George S. Kimball, Post No. 17.
- District No. 2, E. K. Starkweather, Post No. 318.
- District No. 3, T. J. Snow, Post No. 40.
- District No. 4, Bishop E. Andrews, Post No. 72.
- District No. 5, P. H. McBride, Post No. 262.
- District No. 6, A. S. Shattuck, Post No. 42.
- District No. 7, O. S. Church, Post No. 144.
- District No. 8, W. I. Markes, Post No. 214.
- District No. 9, George W. Wheeler, Post No. 461.
- District No. 10, John G. Berry, Post No. 263.
- District No. 11, George H. Gilbert, Post No. 451.
- District No. 12, P. C. Beanston, Post No. 300.

Comrade Kanitz—I move you that the rules be suspended and that the delegates named be elected.

Supported and carried.

Assistant Adjutant General—I take pleasure in casting the vote of this



encampment for the comrades named as delegates to the 41st National Encampment to be held at Saratoga.

The following comrades from the twelve districts were elected as alternates:

- District No. 1, George L. Holmes, Post No. 17.
- District No. 2, J. K. Perriman, Post No. 110.
- District No. 3, L. T. Robbin, Post No. 111.
- District No. 4, John Hoffmaster, Post No. 80.
- District No. 5, Steve Mallery, Post No. 382.
- District No. 6, Wm. Horton, Post No. 114.
- District No. 7, J. F. Cotton, Post No. 216.
- District No. 8, F. C. Crowell, Post No. 38.
- District No. 9, Elijah Bowerman, Post No. 394.
- District No. 10, L. G. Wilcox, Post No. 419.
- District No. 11, Wm. Bartholomew, Post No. 365.
- District No. 12, Curtis Moore, Post No. 300.

The following additional delegates to the National Encampment were elected:

- David C. Oakes, Post No. 79.
- D. C. Spears, Post No. 10.
- James M. Greenfield, Post No. 89.
- Albert Dunham, Post No. 48.
- Wm. Smith, Post No. 233.
- Samuel Lawrence, Post No. 318.
- A. L. Bryant, Post No. 255.
- Henry W. Sims, Post No. 67.
- George M. Doty, Post No. 252.
- W. S. Bradley, Post No. 35.

The following additional alternates were elected:

- Oscar Palmer, of Grayling, Post No. 240.
- L. H. Ives, Post No. 441.
- Henry Maurer, Post No. 233.
- W. W. Morgan, Post No. 38.
- H. F. Yarick, Post No. 358.
- H. C. Walker, Post No. 157.
- Archibald Scott, Post No. 174.
- Wm. E. Clark, Post No. 286.
- John C. Rowden, Post No. 407.
- John Connor, Post No. 270.

Department Commander—Comrade Dean has a report to make.

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of J. B. Brainard, Post No. 111, beg leave to report as follows:

We concur in the suggestion in said resolution that widows be pensioned at \$12.00 per month and are advised by highest authority that action is being pushed with a view to the enactment of such legislation, another advance step in pension legislation.

In view of the pending of this action and the late passage of the service pension bill and the history of pension legislation which has been a step at a time we consider that it is not advisable for the Department at this time

to adopt said resolution and we therefore recommend that it be not adopted.

H. S. DEAN,  
C. L. COLLINS,  
D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Committee.

It was moved and supported that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Comrade Pealer introduced a resolution favoring the erection of a State soldiers and sailors' monument.

Resolved, That we the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic in Annual Encampment assembled, respectfully favor the erection of the State soldiers and sailors' monument according to the design agreed upon and at the location determined upon by the State Soldiers' Monument Commission appointed under and in pursuance of Act No. 138 of Session Laws of 1901.

Comrade Kanitz—This matter has been before us for a great many years. I think something should be done. If you wait longer we will never get it. The time is ripe to do something and I am mighty glad that Comrade Pealer has brought this question up at this time before this Encampment.

Comrade Pealer's resolution was unanimously adopted.

Comrade Dean—I desire to offer a resolution tendering the sincere thanks of this encampment to the people of Bay City for the manner in which they have entertained us during our stay in their city and also a vote of thanks to the local G. A. R. for the splendid manner in which they have conducted the proceedings of the encampment.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Dickinson—Next Friday, the 14th, is Flag Day. I would like to make a suggestion—that every comrade have a flag in front of his house. Tell his neighbors to do the same and tell his children why it is there.

Department Commander—Remember the 14th day of June and hang out the flag and every time you see one take off your hat.

It was moved and supported that the officers be installed.

Department Commander—Colonel Pond because of his seniority is the installing officer.

The officers were duly installed by Col. Pond.

The Department Commander appointed Fayette Wyckoff his Assistant Adjutant General and Geo. R. Cochrane his Assistant Quartermaster General.

Department Commander Jibb—This is the proudest day of my life. In accepting this gavel I desire to inform you that I take it with the spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty to help the Grand Army of the Republic. I want to try to help every comrade of the Department. I want to thank you, comrades, again and I say to you as I said before I am going to put my whole heart and soul into this work this year to help build up the Department of Michigan. (Applause.) To the Council of Administration elect and the officers elect I desire to thank you. Meet me at my headquarters in the Imperial Hotel at two o'clock. Please be prompt. You will find when I say that I am going to be there at two o'clock I am going to be there at that time. It will not be in ten minutes after for I have no more right to take up your time than you have to take up mine. That is the way I have of doing business.

A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps from Lenawee county, the home county of the newly elected Department Commander, came before

the convention and presented him with a large bouquet of roses and carnations, and wished him success in the administration of his duties as Department Commander.

Department Commander Jibb then made the following speech of thanks:

One may have friends all over the country but there are no friends, my comrades, like the home friends. They are certainly the most dear to us, and when we know we have the support of our home friends, we certainly have a great deal. Ladies, I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your expressions of support and I assure you that it will be my aim to do everything in my power for the Woman's Relief Corps of Lenawee county and the State at large. These flowers mean a great deal to me. They are beautiful but they are no more beautiful than the ladies.

The encampment badge was pinned on the ladies by Department Commander Jibb.

After singing two stanzas of America, the Department Chaplain invoked the divine blessing, and the 29th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, came to a close.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, June 21, 1906.

General Orders No. 1, Series 1906-07.

At the 28th Annual Encampment held at Saginaw on the 14th and 15th of June, 1906, I was elected Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. I hereby assume command, mindful of the responsibilities of this high position, and realizing that my administration can only be made successful by enlisting your cordial encouragement and assistance, I ask the support of every comrade.

The following staff appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, postoffice address, Lansing, Mich.

Assistant Q. M. General, Wm. B. Bostock, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Headquarters will be as heretofore in the Capitol Building, Lansing.

All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General at the above named headquarters.

Private communications to the Department Commander should be addressed to Grand Rapids, Mich.

Post Commanders are requested to recommend a comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander.

Additional officers and delegates and alternates to the National Encampment will be announced in future orders.

JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., July 3, 1906.

General Orders No. 2, Series 1906-07.

1. At the 28th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, which convened at Saginaw, June 14th and 15th, 1906, the following comrades were elected to the offices hereinafter designated:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

Joseph B. Griswold, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

Riley L. Jones, Post 38, Saginaw.

## JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,

O. Palmer, Post 240, Grayling.

## MEDICAL DIRECTOR,

W. W. Root, Post 441, Mason.

## DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN,

Wm. Putnam, Post 42, Lansing.

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

J. M. Greenfield.....Post 89, Flushing  
 J. N. Cox.....Post 174, Hancock  
 William Baird.....Post 229, Marine City  
 Henry Spaulding.....Post 20, Hartford  
 John G. Barry.....Post 263, Vanderbilt

2. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced and will be obeyed and respected:

## DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,

G. B. Allen.....Post 40, Charlotte

## JUDGE ADVOCATE,

Wm. F. Atkinson.....Post 17, Detroit

## CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,

J. K. P. McCullough.....Post 36, Lansing

## DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR,

W. S. Sly.....Post 42, Lansing

## CHIEF OF STAFF,

A. J. Ward.....Post 262, Holland

## SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP,

A. B. Coffinberry.....Post 5, Grand Rapids

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION,

J. N. Cox.....Post 174, Lansing  
 J. M. Greenfield.....Post 89, Flushing  
 Henry Spaulding.....Post 20, Hartford

## COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

O. A. Janes.....Post 384, Detroit  
 Wm. J. Mears.....Post 235, Boyne Falls  
 E. M. Allen.....Post 132, Portland

## COMMITTEE TO VISIT STATE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Edward B. Nugent.....	Post 67, Bay City
Wm. Jibb.....	Post 45, Adrian
E. C. Anthony.....	Post 300, Marquette

3. The following appointments as Aide-de-Camp to the Department Commander are announced:

R. A. Babcock.....	Post 370
Eber Rice.....	Post 29
C. J. Lane.....	Post 166
M. D. Brainard.....	Post 111
Thos. B. Main.....	Post 69
A. C. Estabrook.....	Post 56

4. The following comrades were elected Representatives and Alternates to the Fortieth National Encampment to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., August 13th-18th:

## REPRESENTATIVES.

E. B. Fenton (at large).....	Post 384, Detroit
Geo. L. Holmes.....	Post 17, Detroit
Albert Dunham.....	Post 48, Jackson
Milo Thompson.....	Post 111, Eaton Rapids
Henry Spaulding.....	Post 20, Hartford
Harmon W. Holcomb.....	Post 132, Portland
C. Wilcox.....	Post 120, Howell
E. V. W. Brokaw.....	Post 98, Port Huron
W. H. Stocker.....	Post 156, St. Johns
G. W. Wheeler.....	Post 461, Cadillac, R. F. D. No. 2
H. H. Aplin.....	Post 278, Bay City
Andrew Curtis.....	Post 294, Big Rapids
P. C. Beanston.....	Post 300, Marquette
M. M. Andrews.....	Post 419, Bay City
J. W. Brakeman.....	Post 7, Muskegon
Wm. Smith.....	Post 233, Lamb
David S. Howard.....	Post 147, Pontiac
H. A. Chapin.....	Post 31, Paw Paw
Roda O'Meara.....	Post 1, Soldiers' Home
Andrew J. Ward.....	Post 262, Holland
Lucius M. Church.....	Post 252, Howard City or Morley
Chas. J. Pierce.....	Post 17, 237 Woodward ave., Detroit
A. L. Bryant.....	Post 255, Mayville
Isaac Grant.....	Post 451, Reed City

## ALTERNATES.

J. R. Stephenson (at large).....	Post 5, Grand Rapids
W. N. Stevens.....	Post 17, 447 Fourth ave., Detroit
G. W. Hurd.....	Post 10, Dundee
William Vickery.....	Post 32, Battle Creek
U. P. Fales.....	Post 74, Wayland

Frank R. Chase.....	Post 126, Smyrna
Frank E. Willett.....	Post 145, Flint
Geo. W. Howe.....	Post 98, Port Huron
Geo. W. Stimson.....	Post 58, Merle Beach, R. F. D. 13
Elijah Bowerman.....	Post 394, Sherman
L. G. Wilcox.....	Post 419, Bay City
John Greig.....	Post 152, Alma
James N. Cox.....	Post 174, Lansing
P. H. McBride.....	Post 262, Holland
R. L. Warren.....	Post 137, Ann Arbor
A. H. Rolph.....	Post 310, Escanaba
Wm. Bassett.....	Post 419, Bay City
Geo. Clark.....	Post 79, Kalamazoo
Robt. King.....	Post 144, Lapeer
W. H. Morgan.....	Post 147, Pontiac
Wm. Bouck.....	Post 455, Montrose
John Cole.....	Post 294, Big Rapids
John Devlin.....	Post 433, Detroit
C. C. Dunham.....	Post 444, Cadillac

#### SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

5. Blanks for the semi-annual reports of Adjutants and Quartermasters were sent to all Post Adjutants with an urgent request that they be filled out and sent to headquarters immediately after the last meeting in June. Only 147 have been received. The Adjutant General has issued a call for the reports from the Departments to be sent in not later than July 20th. It will be impossible for the Assistant Adjutant General to comply with this demand unless Posts which have not sent in their reports do so without further delay.

6. Post Chaplains are required to make reports after each Memorial Day. The Department Chaplain reports that a large number of Posts have failed to send in their reports and requests that those that have not done so see that their reports are forwarded at once.

7. The Fortieth National Encampment to be held at Minneapolis, August 13th-18th, is close at hand.

Minneapolis is an ideal convention city. Is within easy reach. Railroad rates are very low, and the Department Commander earnestly desires that the Department of Michigan shall be second to none in the Annual Parade.

#### OFFICIAL ROUTE.

8. Headquarters' train will leave Grand Rapids at 2:00 p. m. Monday, August 13th, via the Pere Marquette R. R. to Chicago; leave Chicago via Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. at 8:00 p. m. from Union Depot, corner Adams and Canal streets.

A cordial invitation is given to all comrades and their friends to join this special headquarters' train. No changes after you are seated on the train. No local stops to take on or deliver passengers, but a speedy and through train is provided. Full particulars as to itinerary, railroad fares, etc., will be given in later orders. Pullman sleepers will be run from Grand Rapids and Chicago. Double berth from Grand Rapids, \$3.50; from Chicago, \$2.00. For further particulars address H. J. Gray, district passenger agent,

Grand Rapids, or Robert C. Jones, passenger agent, C., M. and St. P. R. R., Detroit.

Begin to make your arrangements early. Where it is possible, comrades are invited to take the train at Grand Rapids. Where it is more convenient for you to do so, join us at Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Union Depot, corner Adams and Canal streets, Chicago, at 8:00 p. m., Monday, August 13th.

The Department of the Woman's Relief Corps and delegates will accompany this train. It is expected that a first-class band will accompany this train and enliven the way with patriotic airs.

#### HEADQUARTERS.

9. Michigan Headquarters in Minneapolis will be at the Hotel Nicollet, consisting of the ordinary and Parlors A and B. Let every comrade and citizen feel that this is headquarters for our State, and each is invited to make it his.

Come in and register immediately on arrival in the city.

#### DELEGATES.

Delegates will please inform the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing at once whether or not they expect to attend, so that alternates may be notified if necessary.

#### FREE QUARTERS.

Free quarters at Minneapolis will be furnished for Posts and comrades who make application at least thirty days in advance of the date of the Encampment. The local committee will furnish a cot or mattress to those asking for free accommodations. Those asking for quarters should bring their own blankets, pillow and towels.

The school buildings, as well as others which will be used, are well ventilated and have lavatory accommodations. Arrangements are being made so that those occupying school buildings may obtain breakfast in the vicinity.

Application for free quarters should be made to Wallace G. Nye, Secretary G. A. R. Committees, 533 Andrus Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

As the time is short send your applications without delay.



It is with profound sorrow and a deep sense of pain that we announce the death of the devoted wife of our Commander in Chief, James Tanner, which occurred in Helena, Montana, July 1st, 1906. The Commander in Chief was engaged in the duty of inspecting the departments of the northwest, accompanied by his devoted wife, when the accident took place that suddenly and without warning, deprived him of the companion of many years of pleasure and usefulness.

This Department is helpless to relieve the great burden of sorrow that has come to our honored chief, but we do extend our hands in sympathy and bow our heads as we mourn with those that mourn.

Official:  
**FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

By Command of  
**JOS. B. GRISWOLD,**  
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 LANSING, July 12, 1906.

General Orders No. 3, Series 1906-07.

1. The Fortieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic meets in Minneapolis, Minn., the week of August 13, 1906.

2. The official route as selected is via the Pere Marquette railroad from Grand Rapids to Chicago, and from there over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad to Minneapolis—an all-rail route and no changes going. Train will leave Grand Rapids at 2 p. m. Monday, August 13, and Chicago at 8 p. m., arriving at Minneapolis Tuesday morning at 8 a. m. in plenty of time for every detail of the encampment.

Round trip rates from some of the principal points are as follows:

Detroit.....	\$13 45	Grand Rapids.....	\$11 60
Saginaw.....	13 70	Ionia.....	13 05
Lansing.....	12 25	Bay City.....	13 95
Port Huron.....	14 50	Big Rapids.....	12 70
Belding.....	12 30	Reed City.....	14 85

And proportionately low rates from all points in the State. Purchase your tickets via Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, Michigan Headquarters train.

3. The Department Commander urges all Department Officers, Delegates, Alternates, members of the Department Staff and Comrades with their friends and others who contemplate visiting the great Northwest at this time to accompany him on this train.

4. Comrades and all on the line of the Michigan Central, Michigan Southern, Wabash and Grand Trunk railroads should buy their tickets via the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad from Chicago and take this special Michigan G. A. R. train.

Standard sleeping cars from Grand Rapids, \$3.50 for double berth. For reservations apply to H. J. Gray, D. P. A., Grand Rapids, or Wm. B. Bostock, Assistant Q. M. General, Federal Building, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sleepers from Chicago, \$2.00 for double berth. For reservations from Chicago apply to Robert C. Jones, Michigan Passenger Agent Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R., 32 Campus Martius, Detroit.

This route was selected by the Department because of the facilities offered not only for getting to Minneapolis but for return: Four trains daily from Minneapolis and choice of any route over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul returning to Chicago.

Comrades should avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the great northwest. Railroad rates will never be lower.

#### VALIDATION OF TICKETS.

5. Tickets must be validated before returning. Joint agencies for validating tickets will be established in Minneapolis at the court house (main floor) Third street. Office hours: 6:30 a. m. to 11 p. m. every day of the week, including Sunday.

At St. Paul the office will be in room 156 Brown & Bigelow Building, East Third street, near Union Depot.

A fee of 25 cents will be charged for validating tickets.

#### EXTENDED RETURN LIMIT.

6. By deposit of ticket with joint agent at Minneapolis or St. Paul not earlier than August 15 or later than August 31 and payment of fee of 50 cents at time of deposit an extension of return limit may be obtained to September 30, 1906.

7. A meeting of the Representatives and all who are entitled to seats in the National Encampment from this Department will be held at Headquarters room, Hotel Nicolett, on Tuesday evening, August 14, at 8 o'clock for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them and to receive the Encampment Badges.

8. All desiring accommodations should write to Wallace G. Nye, Secretary G. A. R. Committee, 533 Andrus Building, Minneapolis, Minn., stating what kind of accommodations are wanted, the time they will be occupied and the price you desire to pay.

Free quarters to comrades desiring them, but they must furnish their own blanket, pillow and towels.

9. Comrades A. B. Coffinberry and Frank R. Chase are detailed as assistants at Headquarters in Minneapolis.

10. The committee have prepared a fine program for the week. Tuesday is the Naval Veterans, Ex-Prisoners of War, Civic and Military Parade Day, with many receptions, reunions and excursions, with campfires in the evening.

Wednesday the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place, beginning promptly at 10 a. m., followed by receptions and campfires in the evening.

Thursday and Friday the business sessions of the Encampment and conventions of other societies will be held.

11. Members of the Staff and Commanders of Posts will report to Comrade H. J. Ward, Chief of Staff, upon arrival at Minneapolis, for instruction and assignment in the parade.

12. All comrades are requested to take part in the great parade on Wednesday. The line of march will be short and over smooth paved streets to inspiring music.

13. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced:

B. O'Dell.....	Post 31, Paw Paw
Henry S. Kelley.....	Post 14, Benton Harbor
Lester J. Kinney.....	Post 42, Lansing
Henry W. Simms.....	Post 67, Bay City
E. S. Post.....	Post 98, Port Huron
James Donaldson.....	Post 101, Ithaca
Eli Cook.....	Post 111, Eaton Rapids
L. C. Kanouse.....	Post 117, Byron
John Greig.....	Post 152, Alma
W. H. Amidon.....	Post 168, Maple City
John T. Beaumont.....	Post 181, Highland
D. E. Stearns.....	Post 294, Big Rapids
J. M. Henderson.....	Post 326, Pottersville
N. Shults.....	Post 365, Lake City

By Command of  
JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, September 24, 1906.

General Orders No. 4, Series 1906-07.

1. Accompanying this order are General Orders Nos. 1, 2 and 3, issued by National Headquarters. These orders contain the names of the National officers elected and appointed at Minneapolis, also the amendments to Rules and Regulations as passed by the 40th National Encampment. These orders should be carefully preserved for future reference.

2. The 40th National Encampment held at Minneapolis, August 13 to 18, has passed into history, as have all the previous Encampments, as a notable event in the annals of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The arrangements for entertaining the Encampment were as perfect as experience and foresight could make them. Not one word of complaint for lack of accommodations was heard, but the wants of all had been most liberally provided for by the local committee and citizens. The ladies of the local Woman's Relief Corps are especially mentioned for their untiring efforts in providing the comrades, while waiting for their turn to move in the parade, with hot coffee and sandwiches without stint, the coffee being made in one of the cities' steam fire engines. The providing of wooden benches for the comrades to rest upon while waiting was also an innovation, and was appreciated by the comrades. The organizing of the "Red Cross" Corps and its very efficient service with its flying automobile ambulances cannot be too highly commended.

The great parade was the most interesting feature of the week's encamp-

ment; the Department of Michigan forming the 18th division. It is with pleasure that the Department Commander recalls the appearance of this Department. The old martial spirit was in every form and step, and the applause with which Michigan was greeted the entire length of the line was most enthusiastic. Although the weather was very warm, no comrade from our Department was overcome by the heat. The Department Commander wishes to thank each individual comrade who took part in the parade. This Department was also fortunate in securing the services of the Cadet band of thirty-four members, of Watertown, South Dakota, who not only dispensed fine music on the parade but on several occasions furnished the headquarters at the Nicolett Hotel with many delightful selections.

Michigan can also boast of having one of the oldest if not the oldest comrade in attendance at the Encampment. This was Comrade Horace Wilder, 91 years old, and a resident of our Michigan Soldiers' Home. Comrade Wilder stood the journey going and returning with as little appearance of fatigue as comrades twenty-five and thirty years younger.

The official train left Grand Rapids at 2 p. m., August 13, over the Pere Marquette railroad, carrying the Department Commander and staff with comrades and friends from nearly every section of the state. At Chicago we were joined by the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps with her staff, and comrades living along the line of the Michigan Central, Lake Shore and Grand Trunk railroads. From Chicago the trip to Minneapolis was made over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, and after leaving Chicago the run to Minneapolis was made on fast time and without accident. At the depot the Department and comrades were met by the Department band and escorted to headquarters at the Nicolett Hotel where everything was in readiness for us.

The campfires held at the auditorium on Tuesday and Thursday evenings were notable events and the patriotic spirit of forty and more years ago was emulated and given free expression in speech and song. The meetings of the encampment proper were held on Thursday and Friday. These meetings were largely attended and much business of interest to our order transacted, which will appear in the journal of the proceedings soon to be published. By Friday evening many of the comrades and visitors had started on their homeward journey, carrying with them happy recollections of the Encampment and warm greetings and kindly treatment accorded them by the beautiful and thriving city of Minneapolis.

3. The Department Commander recognizes his indebtedness to the members of his personal staff. To Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff, who had preceded the Department to Minneapolis, made ready headquarters and was on hand with the band to welcome headquarters train, also for his untiring seal during the entire Encampment; to Assistant Quartermaster General W. B. Bostock and Chief of Staff A. J. Ward for efficient service; to Comrades Coffinberry, Chase and Spaulding, who assisted in the registration and made all welcome at headquarters, and to every comrade who by his presence with the Department aided in making the Department of Michigan a power in the Encampment.

4. Michigan was also honored by the election of Comrade E. B. Fenton, a member of Detroit Post No. 384, as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, this being the second time this office has come to our Department.

5. The report of our trip and the encampment would be incomplete, did we not pay a tribute of praise to the Department President of the W. R.

C., Mrs. Redner, and the other members of that noble order, who by their cheerful presence on the journey and at headquarters contributed largely to the pleasure of the occasion.

"May they always be with us."

#### INSPECTION.

6. The usual annual Post inspections have not been universally observed, and in many cases is a matter of form, with but little if any resulting benefits. If the Department was able to pay the expenses so that the inspection could be made by one or two persons in a district and thus be uniform and thorough, these annual examinations would be of benefit to the Posts and Department, but as at present conducted, they are valueless in accomplishing the end desired. The Department Commander using the liberty given him by the Rules and Regulations, will not order a general inspection. Any Post, however, that may desire to hold an inspection, may do so, and on request the Assistant Adjutant General will make the proper order and detail.

#### DENVER MEMORIAL MEDALS.

7. There being quite a number of these beautiful souvenirs still undistributed, by recommendation of Past Department Commander E. C. Cannon, adopted at Department Encampment, they will be distributed among the Posts of the Department as awards for increased membership. They will be awarded as follows: To the Post reporting the largest increase in membership during the present term, ten medals; to the two Posts having next largest gains, eight medals each; to the three next largest, six medals each; to the next four largest, five medals each; to the five next largest, three medals each; to the ten Posts showing the next largest gain, two medals each; and to the next fifty Posts showing gains, one each.

It being understood that these medals shall be distributed by the Posts to the members who have been most earnest and faithful in securing new members and working for the interest of the Post and comrades. The award to individuals should be by vote of the Post. The award to Posts will be made on the basis of the reports for the term ending December 31, 1906.

#### SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

8. The attention of Post Commanders is called to Sections 3 and 4 of Article 4, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations.

Many Posts of the Department have a large list of suspended members, some have been suspended for a number of years. Sec. 4 requires that a member having been suspended six months "shall be notified thereof in writing by the Post Quartermaster, and on failure for two months thereafter to pay such dues, he shall be dropped from the rolls, unless relieved from such payment." This is obligatory and should be observed by the Posts.

The same section further provides that "A comrade may be reinstated in the Post from which he has been dropped by making a written statement to that effect, and on receiving a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, upon payment of not exceeding one year's dues."

"A dropped member on being reinstated shall not be reobligated."

A written application asking to be reinstated is all that is necessary, and a majority vote makes it very easy for a dropped comrade to again become an active member. Personal solicitation on the part of comrades should result in a material increase in our membership from this source alone.

In a large majority of cases it would be well to remit the dues of suspended members and let them start out even again. The finances of the Post would not suffer by so doing, and many good comrades might be saved to the order who would be future contributors to the Post funds. It is believed that with proper effort every Post may make a net gain on its next semi-annual report. Let every comrade work to this end.

By command of

JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, November 22, 1906.

General Orders No. 5, Series 1906-07.

1. The suggestions of the Commander-in-Chief in general orders that have been sent to the Posts should receive more than passing notice. The subject of recruiting and reinstatement of suspended and dropped members is to be the watchword of his administration. Let all Post officers and comrades unite in carrying out the wishes of the Commander in Chief, and the result will be a substantial increase in our membership.

Many Posts have fallen into the error of suspending and dropping members without giving them due notice in writing, as required by rules and regulations. The attention of Post officers is called to the following:

"A member cannot be either suspended or dropped unless he has been duly notified in writing, and then by vote of the Post. See Sections 3 and 4, Article 4, Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations."

"The spirit of our order should be more in favor of removing, so far as consistent, the obstacles to reinstatement which beset the paths of many of our worthy comrades who have been suspended and dropped."

ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS.

2. The time for the annual election of officers draws near. Due notice should be given, and the election held at the first regular meeting in December.

At the same time Posts will elect Representatives and Alternates to the next Department Encampment, the basis of representation being one Representative and one Alternate for each fifty members in good standing, or major fraction thereof, as shown by reports of June 30, 1906.

Every Post is entitled to one Representative and one Alternate.

"Credential" blanks for names of Representatives and Alternates, also names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing, are being sent to the Posts. Also a blank for Post officers elected and appointed, which should be filled out and sent to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after election.

## INSTALLATION.

3. Post officers will be installed at the first meeting in January, or at a special meeting, which may be called for that purpose. The Senior Past Post Commander present will be the installing officer unless some other comrade has been detailed by the Department Commander, by request of the Post.

The installing officer must assure himself that all semi-annual reports and the per capita tax have been forwarded to Department Headquarters before proceeding with the installation. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed his bond. A blank bond is sent with other blanks.

The installation of Post Officers should be made as interesting as possible, and where practicable be made public and in connection with the Woman's Relief Corps. Invite all veterans to attend these exercises. At such meetings the opening and closing of the meeting will be informal.

## POST PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

4. Amendment to rules and regulations adopted at the Fortieth National Encampment held at Minneapolis, Minn., August 16-17, 1906:

"That in each Post of the Department there shall be appointed by the Post Commander an officer to be known as Post Patriotic Instructor, who shall, through the Post Commander, make a report upon forms obtained from the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, within thirty (30) days after receiving notice from the Department Commander, and forward the same direct to the Patriotic Instructor of the Department, who shall in turn make a report to the National Patriotic Instructor thirty days prior to the meeting of the National Encampment."

Post Commanders will appoint a Post Patriotic Instructor, and the same will be installed at the annual installation with the other appointed officers, as provided in Section 1, Article 7, Chapter 2, Rules and Regulations, as recently amended. Their rank will be designated by one gilt bar upon the rank strap.

Post Patriotic Instructors on retiring from office (either by resignation or expiration of term of office) shall file all instructions, information and papers with their successors. Their reports will be made under the same rules governing those of Inspectors and Surgeons.

5. Blank forms A and B, for Adjutant and Quartermaster's report for the term ending December 31, will be forwarded to Post Adjutants at once. These reports should be made out and forwarded immediately after the last meeting in December, accompanied with the per capita tax of 10 cents per member. Reports must contain the name of every comrade gained or lost during the term, with company and regiment. Reports are not complete without these names. Adjutants will see that these are entered under the proper headings.

The National Countersign will not be sent until after the receipt of the reports.

A few Posts who did not send in their reports for the term ending June 30 will include them with these reports.

6. A blank for the names of those who have died during the year is being sent to the Posts. The Commander and Adjutant will see that the blank is filled out and returned with annual reports. As the Commissioner of Pensions has asked for a list, the names of all old soldiers who have died

will be given, keeping those who were members of the Post and those not members separate.

7. Attention is called to the circular letter of the Medical Director accompanying these orders. Post Surgeons will comply with the request of the Medical Director. Blanks for report of Post Surgeons accompany these orders.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATION.

8. In order that the Posts may take advantage of and receive as many additions to their membership as possible during the next month, special dispensation is granted to all Posts in this Department, to receive and muster recruits at the same meeting that their application is received until December 31, 1906.

It is hoped that the Posts will take advantage of this special dispensation and make extra efforts to increase its membership, and win some of the medals offered as prizes in Paragraph 7, General Orders No. 4, Current Series.

In this connection the Department Commander calls the attention of the comrades to Paragraph 8, General Order No. 4, Current Series, relative to suspended and dropped members.

9. The following additional names have been appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Paul Dubie, Post 1.  
Thos. D. Nelson, Post 8.  
John B. Smith, Post 9.  
Robert Patterson, Post 15.  
Geo. Chapman, Post 24.  
J. D. Butler, Post 40.  
A. D. Welling, Post 48.  
Homer H. Sperry, Post 55.  
W. C. Shook, Post 79.  
Clark M. Hall, Post 88.

William Dickinson, Post 120.  
J. T. Bassett, Post 130.  
Chas. Clement, Post 131.  
Thomas Dolan, Post 162.  
William Guipe, Post 205.  
A. S. Horner, Post 234.  
Geo. M. Doty, Post 252.  
Joseph A. Dockeray, Post 252.  
John Still, Post 307.  
Thos. Calhoun, Post 318.

By command of

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., March 19, 1907.

General Orders No. 6, Series 1906-07.

General Orders Nos. 6 and 7, from National Department, accompany this order.

#### DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Bay City, June 11 and 12, 1907.



The comrades and citizens of Bay City have entered earnestly upon the work for entertaining the Encampment. All committees have been appointed, and a fine program is being prepared.

Commander-in-Chief R. B. Brown and Adjutant General Jos. W. O'Neill have promised to be present and will speak at the campfire.

Further information relative to the encampment will be given later in general orders.

Application has been made to the Michigan Passenger Association for the usual reduced rates on the railroads.

Let every comrade who is a delegate and all members of the encampment make early arrangements to be present.

There will be business of importance to come before the encampment.

#### DELINQUENT POSTS.

The following Posts have failed to send in their reports for the second term, 1906:

Post 124—Constantine.

Post 130—Edmore.

Post 167—Elsie.

Post 174—Houghton.

Post 229—Marine City.

Post 272—Chase.

Post 329—Sumner.

Post 339—Clare.

Post 390—Edmore.

Post 436—Martinsville.

Post 459—Otter Lake.

These posts will understand that unless their reports and the per capita tax are forwarded to Department Headquarters they will be refused representation in the Department Encampment.

The following Posts have disbanded and surrendered their charters:

Post 135—Centerville.

Post 408—Grand Rapids.

#### OUTPOSTS.

Post 365 of Lake City has organized the first outpost in this Department.

There is opportunity for many Posts to follow this example and increase their membership.

In General Orders No. 4, current series, records of the Denver Souvenir Medal was offered to Posts making the largest gains in membership during the term ending December 31, 1906.

Reports are now in so that the awards will be made in a few days. Eighty-two Posts show net gains of from one to eighteen members, two Posts making gains of eighteen members each, viz.: Post 45 of Adrian and Post 365 of Lake City.

This good work could be duplicated by many Posts by putting forth the proper effort. Try it, comrades.

The comrades are to be congratulated on the passage by the last congress of the Service Pension Law, thereby increasing the pensions of a large number of our comrades. This legislation is the result of the persistent and united

effort of the Grand Army of the Republic. It would seem that every veteran receiving the benefits of this new law, who is not a member of our noble order, should show his appreciation and sense of gratitude for the benefits received by associating himself with the comrades who have for these many years worked for his benefit.

Memorial Day is fast approaching. Let every Post take early action for its proper observation.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Once more the fell destroyer has entered our ranks and taken our esteemed comrade and Past Department Commander, William Shakespear, from among us.

He died at his home in Kalamazoo, January 31, 1907. His funeral was held under the auspices of Orcutt Post No. 79, of which he was an honored member. Past Department Commanders, representatives of the Department and members of his own regiment were present from different parts of the State.

Comrade Shakespear enlisted at the very beginning of the war, April 12, 1861, in Co. K, 2d Michigan Infantry, was appointed First Sergeant of his company March 1st, 1863. In the engagement at Jackson, Miss., July 11, 1863, he was supposed to be mortally wounded, receiving seven distinct wounds and both thigh bones being broken. These wounds, after forty-three years of intense suffering, caused his death.

General Shakespear was a true and loyal member of the Grand Army. The cause of the old soldier was his, and many times has he stood for the rights of his comrades to his own personal loss. A man of warm and generous impulses, decided opinions, good judgment and integrity, he was ever an example of good citizenship and the ideal comrade.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to his bereaved family.

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By command of  
JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.  
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., April 23, 1907.

General Orders No. 7, Series 1906-07.

Accompanying this is General Orders No. 8 from National Headquarters, conveying instructions of the Commander in Chief as to the observance of Memorial Day.

It is expected that every Post in this Department will consider it a privilege, as well as a duty, to carry out this order, and the grave of every soldier who took part in any of the wars in which this country has been engaged, will be decorated with our usual floral wreath.

"I sometimes think that never blows so red  
The rose, as where some buried Cæsar bled."

And no flowers are more expressive or more fragrant than those we scatter over the resting places of dead comrades on this the Nation's Holy Day. All animosities engendered by the Civil war have long ago ceased to exist in the hearts of the old soldiers. Wherever, in any of our cemeteries, a Confederate soldier is known to be buried, let there be placed on his grave also a floral offering, as a token of forgiveness and a tribute of respect to a brave man.

Let us observe this the fortieth Memorial Day fittingly; let us assemble in our Post rooms and with our country's flag and solemn music march to some suitable place and hold public services where possible, as an example to the youth of this commonwealth, a revered testimonial of our loyalty to the country and to the memory of those who fought to maintain it in its entirety.

The Commander-in-Chief directs that: "In accordance with a time-honored custom, Posts attend divine service on the Sabbath preceding May 30th. Let this be followed as an evidence of our belief in the 'Divinity that shapes our ends' and controls the destinies of nations."

Post Commanders will observe that part of General Orders No. 8 relating to patriotic instruction in the public schools, and make such details as are necessary, so that every school may be visited by one or more of our comrades. Make the fortieth anniversary a red letter day in the annals of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

The Thirtieth National Encampment directed that the address of President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg be read at all Memorial Day exercises held under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic. Those having charge of the exercises will comply with the directions of the National Encampment.

Post Chaplains will promptly forward to the Department Chaplain a full report of the exercises of their Posts in connection with Memorial Day.

By Command of  
JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 8, 1907.

General Order No. 8, Series 1906-07.

1. As previously announced, the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at the Opera House in Bay City, June 11 and 12, 1907.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

2. Headquarters will be opened in the Imperial Hotel, corner Fifth and Jefferson streets, at 10 a. m., June 10. The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration will meet at 1:30 p. m. to audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General. The Council of Administration will meet at 4 p. m. to consider such matters as may properly come before them in connection with the encampment.

3. The encampment will open at 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, June 10, in the Opera House. Delegates should arrange to reach Bay City in time for the opening session. As trains on some of the railroads do not arrive in Bay City until noon, it is hoped that as many as can will plan to be there on Monday evening and be present at the reception to the Commander-in-Chief on Monday evening and then be ready for the opening Tuesday morning.

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

4. The following comrades are appointed as Committee on Credentials: Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff, A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5; Dan J. Willson, Post 48, and                     . The Credential Committee will meet in the Circuit Court Room in Court House, at 2 p. m., Monday, June 10, and will continue in session until the opening of the encampment, when they will be found at the Opera House.

Delegates and members of the encampment will report with their credentials to the Credential Committee and receive the delegates' badge. Delegates must report in person. Alternates will be entitled to badge only in the absence of the regular delegate.

5. Comrade P. H. Gibbon is hereby detailed as Officer of the Day, and Comrade Sam M. Catlin, as Officer of the Guard. These officers will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at 8 a. m., June 11, for instruction. The Commanders of the several Posts will furnish sufficient detail for guards during the encampment. Guards are requested to appear in uniform.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

6. Accommodations will be ample for all. The following list of hotels and rates are given for your information:

Republic Hotel, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day. American plan.

Imperial Hotel, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day. American plan.

Colonial Hotel, \$2.00 per day. American plan.

Congress Hotel, \$1.50 per day. American plan.

Lefevre Hotel, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day. American plan.

Forest City Hotel, \$1.00 per day. American plan.

Portland Hotel, \$1.00 per day. American plan.

Madison Hotel, \$1.00 per day. American plan.

European Hotel (new), rooms, 50 to 75 cents. European plan.

Roneck Hotel, rooms 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1.00 per day. European plan.

Arlington Hotel, (West Side) \$1.00 per day. American plan.

New Clifton Hotel, (West Side) \$1.00 and \$1.25 per day. American plan.

New Wenona, (West Side) \$1.00 per day. American plan.

Elmer, (West Side) \$1.00 per day. American plan.

Many boarding and private houses will be open to receive guests at very moderate prices.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION.

The Bureau of Information will be found at the Court House, where those desiring will be assigned quarters.

Those wishing to secure accommodations can write to the hotels direct or to Comrade H. E. Meeker, chairman of the committee on hotels and

boarding houses. In writing be sure and designate whether hotel or private house is desired.

7. The registration will be at the Court House, where all comrades are requested to register. This includes visitors as well as delegates.

All comrades, who can, whether members of the encampment or not, are invited to be present and enjoy the reunions and the interesting and entertaining exercises that the loyal people of Bay City are so elaborately providing. The ladies will serve a free lunch on June 11 and 12 in U. S. Grant Post Hall for all visiting G. A. R. comrades and their wives or ladies.

The following program will be observed:

#### MONDAY, JUNE 10.

Evening—Reception to Commander-in-Chief R. B. Brown, Department Commander Jos. B. Griswold, the National President of the W. R. C. and others—to which all are invited.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

10 a. m.—Business session at the Opera House.

Afternoon—At 1:30 will occur the Grand Parade. All comrades able are requested to participate. Posts will bring their colors. The line of march will be very short. Immediately after the parade the encampment will resume its sessions.

Immediately after the afternoon session, unless otherwise ordered, the delegates from each district will assemble to select representatives to the National Encampment.

Evening—Campfire with addresses from Commander-in-Chief Brown, Adjutant General Jos. O'Neill, Department Commander Jos. B. Griswold, the National President of W. R. C. and others.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.

9 a. m.—Resuming business session, election of officers and delegates and installation of officers will occupy the greater part of the day.

In the afternoon the citizens will give the Commander-in-Chief and officers of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. and others an auto ride around the city.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

The Michigan Passenger Ass'n have granted a rate of one fare plus 25c for the round trip, except that from points from which the regular one-way fare to Bay City is less than \$1.00, the additional 25c will not be required. Tickets to be sold going June 10, 11 and 12, limited to return to and including June 14th, 1907.

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**MEMORIAM.**

It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Judge Advocate Wm. F. Atkinson, which occurred at his home in Detroit, May 4th, 1907. Comrade Atkinson entered the service as Corporal in Company C, Twenty-second Michigan Infantry, promoted to Sergeant, wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, escaped from prison January 19, 1864, Commissioned Second Lieutenant, 1864. Commissioned Captain Company K, July, 1864. Judge Advocate, Third Division, Fourth Army Corps, July, 1865. Discharged at Victoria, Texas, May 25, 1866. Was also with his regiment in the battles of Nashville, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Comrade Atkinson was a member of Fairbanks Post No. 17 of Detroit, and a Past Post Commander. In his death the Department loses a most efficient officer and the Grand Army a most earnest and loyal member.

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The books of the Department will be closed June 6th. Posts desiring supplies must order before that date, as orders received after that will not be filled until after the close of the encampment, about June 15th.

Blanks for the first semi-annual report will be sent to the Adjutants of Posts about June first.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

Correction—In the Department Roster for 1907 through an error the name of E. B. Fenton, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, was omitted. This is to be regretted.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, May 29, 1907.

General Order No. 9, Series 1906-07.

1. Blank forms A and B for the first semi-annual report, term ending June 30th, also blanks for chaplain's Memorial Day report, are sent with these orders. Post Commanders will see that adjutants and quartermasters fill out these reports at once after the last meeting in June, and forwarded with the per capita tax of ten cents for each member in good standing to the Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich., not later than July 10th. Make all drafts, postoffice orders and express orders payable to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

Attention is called to the fact that the red figures on the reports must not be changed. To avoid errors the adjutant and quartermaster should compare the reports with the last report sent in, a duplicate of which you have on file, and see that no names are duplicated that have been previously reported. These reports are for the first six months of the year, and only changes occurring during that time should be reported.

Many errors are made by deducting dropped members from the members in good standing. This cannot be done. Quartermasters are requested to be sure that their figures are correct and that the "cash balance on hand" is correctly stated.

2. Post chaplains, or, in the absence of the chaplain, the adjutant will fill out the chaplain's Memorial report without delay and send the same to Rev. Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain, Lansing, Mich.

Promptness in making out and forwarding all reports will enable the Department officers to complete their work and forward same to National Department without delay.

#### FLAG DAY.

3. June 14th is Flag Day. Let every American citizen and especially every comrade publicly recognize the day by displaying the national colors on their homes and places of business. Patriotic Instructors can do much to influence the schools and the public in the observance of the day.

4. In compliance with General Orders No. 8, the Department Encampment convenes in Bay City, June 11th and 12th. This is a reminder. Let every delegate and member of the encampment be present. The citizens and comrades of Bay City are most generously preparing to give the Grand Army a royal welcome. The presence of Commander-in-Chief R. B. Brown and Adjutant General O'Neill should bring many comrades to welcome them to our State.

By command of

JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., September 24, 1906.

Special Order No. 1.

#### AARON T. BLISS.

1. With profound sorrow, the Department Commander announces the death of Past Department Commander Aaron T. Bliss, who died in Milwaukee, Wis., on the morning of September 16th, 1906.

Comrade Bliss was born in Smithfield, New York, on May 22, 1837. He enlisted as a private in Company D, 10th New York Cavalry. A year later he was commissioned as Captain for gallant conduct on the field of battle; was captured at Reem's Station, Va., during the Wilsons famous raid, and for six months was held as a prisoner of war. He escaped from prison at Columbus, S. C., Nov. 29, 1864, reaching the union lines near Savannah, December 16, 1864, in a nearly starved condition. He spent three years and five months in the service of his country.

In the fall of 1865 he settled in Saginaw and there commenced his successful business career.

His public career has been equally conspicuous. He has served his city

as alderman, supervisor and member of the board of education. Was elected State Senator in 1882, and was a member of the Fifty-first Congress, 1889-90. In 1900 he was elected governor of the State and served two terms.

As a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, his service to his comrades has been proverbial. A charter member of Penoyer Post No. 90, he was one of its most active members; served as Post Commander in 1885-86, 1888 and 1893, and was elected Department Commander in 1897, serving his term with honor.

His record as a soldier and citizen is a most honorable one. His hand and purse were ever open to the needy, and his loss will be greatly deplored.

The funeral services were held at his home on September 19th, and were attended with military honors. The comrades of the Grand Army turned out in large numbers to bear testimony to his worth, and escort the remains to their last resting place.

The Department Commander desires to testify to the sterling worth of Comrade A. T. Bliss. As a comrade, as a friend and as a citizen, and on behalf of all the comrades of this Department, extended to his bereaved widow most heartfelt and sincere sympathy.

When the bugle sounded the taps over the final resting place of our comrade in the city of the dead, the last rites were closed over the mortal remains of one who was true to country and to comrades and whose good name will be cherished in fraternal memory.

As a tribute of respect to our departed comrade, it is recommended that Post charters be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

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We are also advised of the death of

#### R. W. JACKLIN.

Major R. W. Jacklin died in Detroit, September 14, 1906.

Comrade Jacklin has been an enthusiastic and faithful member of the Grand Army of the Republic since its organization. He first became a member of Post 93, located at Waterville, Minnesota. He came to Detroit and was transferred to Fairbanks Post, No. 17, in 1886; was one of the charter members of O. M. Poe Post, No. 433, organized in November, 1896, and was elected its first commander in 1903; was transferred to Detroit Post No. 384, and was an active and honored member and at the time of his death was chaplain of his post.

His military career was a most honorable one. He enlisted in Co. B, 16th Michigan Infantry, as First Sergeant, February 1, 1862, was promoted Second Lieutenant, May 18, 1862; First Lieutenant and Adjutant, November 1, 1862. Taken prisoner at Spottsylvania Court House, May 8th, 1864; recaptured by General Custer's Brigade, May 9th, 1864. Made Captain June 22, 1864, and commissioned Major of his regiment, May 8th, 1865; Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers, March 13th, 1865, for gallant and meritorious service. Discharged July 1, 1865.

He has been honored in public life also, and in whatever position life's duties called him, he has filled them with that spirit of fidelity that characterized his service in defense of his country's flag.

The record of his life is made up and no words can add to the splendid



page. Noble and brave, true and faithful, tender and loving always, a noble example of a true comrade, and a manly man.

We mourn his loss.

The funeral services were conducted by Detroit Post No. 384, on Monday, September 17.

All honor to the many comrades fast passing from among us.

By command of

JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, January 25, 1907.

Special Order No. 2, Series 1906-07.

Press dispatches bring the news of the sudden and unexpected death of U. S. Senator Russell A. Alger. Comrade Alger was the most distinguished member of the G. A. R. in the Department of Michigan. He was its first Commander, and in 1889 was elected Commander-in-Chief of the order. Besides his distinguished military service during the civil war, he has been Governor of this commonwealth, secretary of war in the cabinet of President McKinley, and at the time of his death, was serving his second term as United States Senator for Michigan.

Notwithstanding his active public and business life, he has been loyal to and has taken an active part in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic since its organization. His ear has been always open to the appeals of our needy comrades, and his hand as ready to administer to their necessities. While the State of Michigan will miss him as a prominent and trusted official, his party as a leader and wise counsellor, we, his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic mourn as those who have lost a friend and brother. The funeral will be held at his late home in the city of Detroit on Monday, January 28th. The Department of Michigan will be represented by the Commander and his staff.

As a tribute of respect to our distinguished comrade it is recommended that Post charters be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

By command of

JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

Attest:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
MASON, MICH., November 21, 1906.

## CIRCULAR LETTER TO POST SURGEONS.

Comrades—Owing to the fact that in the past the reports of the Post Surgeons have been incomplete and imperfect, and to correct these errors, I make the following suggestions. Of the 346 Posts of this Department 138 have made no Surgeon's report. I have reason to believe in many cases there have been deaths and relief extended that have not been reported. In view of these facts, and that these errors may be corrected, is the object of this circular.

Every good soldier should be ready to discharge every known duty. It is the duty of the Post Surgeons to report all deaths during the year ending December 31st, including all relief given to needy soldiers, sailors, and their families, by the Posts, Relief Corps, Women of the G. A. R., or any other auxiliary society. The amount of relief given last year was very small, and compared very unfavorably with some of the other departments. Let us see to it, and put ourselves on record, as exercising more benevolence towards the needy ones of our comrades, excepting no compensation, only the satisfaction of making their condition more comfortable and happy.

I would suggest to the Commanders and Adjutants of the various Posts that they aid the Surgeon in making his report. See they are made full and complete for the year ending December 31st, and made as soon as possible after that date. Let us make better showing than previous years, and we will be better able to appreciate the great tenets of the Grand Army of the Republic,—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

After these suggestions I shall expect to receive the Surgeon's report from every Post in the Department, even though there are no deaths or relief or aid given. The statistics will not be complete without these facts.

Yours faithfully in F. C. and L.,

Approved by order of  
JOS. B. GRISWOLD,  
Department Commander.

WILLIAM W. ROOT,  
Medical Director, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

## STATUTE LAWS.

[Laws of Michigan affecting veterans passed by the Legislative Session 1907].

*Grave Marker.* Act No. 275, Session Laws of 1907.

AN ACT to provide for furnishing, at public expense, suitable markers for the graves of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the army of the United States.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. The common council, board of trustees or township board of every city, village or township in this State shall, upon the petition of any five reputable freeholders of any such city, village or township, procure for and furnish to said petitioners at the expense of such city, village or township, some suitable and appropriate metal marker for the grave of each and every honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the army of the United States and who is buried within the limits of said city, village or township or within the limits of any cemetery belonging to any such city, village or township, to be placed on the grave of such soldier, sailor or marine for the purpose of marking and designating said grave for memorial purposes.

Sec. 2. In all petitions to such common councils or boards, the petitioners shall set forth the names of all such soldiers, sailors and marines, whose graves have not been appropriately marked as contemplated in this act, and the number of such graves at the time of petitioning.

Approved June 12, 1907.

*Burial of Soldiers and their Widows.* Act No. 330, Session Laws, 1907. Amendatory to Act 170, Session Laws, 1885.

AN ACT to amend section one of an act to provide for the burial of the bodies of certain honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, or the wives or widows of said soldiers, sailors or marines in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Section one of Act No. 39 of the Public Acts of 1905, entitled "An act to provide for the burial of the bodies of certain honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, or the wives or widows of said soldiers, sailors or marines, in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward, in their respective counties, a suitable person other than those designated for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be in this township or ward, to look

after and cause to be interred in a decent and respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground in this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed forty dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine, having served in the army or navy of the United States during the Civil War or the late war with Spain, or the wives or widows of such soldiers, who shall hereafter die not leaving means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person so appointed shall receive two dollars for each such burial attended, to be paid in the same manner as the other expenses authorized by this act and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors; and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Approved June 18, 1907.

*Public Employment.* Act No. 521, Session Laws, 1907.

AN ACT to amend sections one and two of act 205 of the Public Acts of 1897, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment," being sections 1,690 and 1,691 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, as amended by act 85 of the Public Acts of 1899, and to add two new sections thereto.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Two new sections are hereby added thereto and sections one and two of Act 205 of the Public Acts of 1897, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment," being sections 1,690 and 1,691 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, as amended by Act 85 of the Public Acts of 1899, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. In every public department, and all public departments in all municipal corporations, and upon the public works of the State of Michigan, honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Rebellion, and the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war shall be preferred for appointment and employment; age, loss of limb or other physical impairment which does not, in fact, incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them: *Provided, however,* That the applicant shall be of good moral character and shall have been a resident of the State for at least two years and of the county in which the office or position is located for at least one year, and possesses other requisite qualifications.

Section 2. No veteran or other soldier, sailor or marine as indicated in the preceding section holding an office or employment in any public department or public works of the State, or of any city, town or village of the State shall be removed or suspended or shall, without his consent be transferred from such office or employment except after a full hearing before the Governor of the State, the mayor of such city or before the common council of such town or village, and at such hearing the veteran shall have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel. Such removal, suspension or transfer shall be made only upon a written order of the Governor, mayor, or the common council.

Sec. 3. A violation of any of the provisions of this act, by a person having the power of appointment to a position, under him, in either of the departments mentioned in section one, shall be deemed a misdemeanor

and upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, and not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 4. In case the application of any such soldier, sailor or marine, shall be rejected by the person having the power of appointment to the position for which he has applied, he shall be entitled to remedy therefor by mandamus to enforce the provisions of this act.

Approved June 28, 1907.

## STATE BOUNTIES.

### JOINT RESOLUTION.

Directing the Board of State Auditors to investigate and examine the claims of union soldiers in the war of the rebellion for bounties under the laws of this State.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the Board of State Auditors be and they are hereby authorized and required to investigate all claims made by any honorably discharged union soldier who served in the war of the Rebellion, for any bounty provided for in or arising under any law of this State; and if the Board of State Auditors, upon investigation of the claim of any such honorably discharged soldier, shall determine that the claim is well founded in law and in fact, said board is hereby authorized and directed to draw its warrant on the State Treasury for the payment of such amount as they shall find to be due and payable.

## SPECIAL SESSION 1907.

### ADMISSION TO SOLDIERS' HOME.

To amend section 11 of Act No. 152 of the Public Acts of 1885, entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines in the State of Michigan," said section being Compiler's section 2,062 of the Compiled Laws of 1897 and having been last amended by Act No. 25 of the Public Acts of 1901.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact;*

Section 1. Section 11 of Act No. 152 of the Public Acts of 1885, entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines in the State of Michigan," said section being Compiler's section 2,062 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, and having been last amended by Act No. 25 of the Public Acts of 1901, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 11. All honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the army or navy of the United States, in the late war of the Rebellion, in the Mexican war, the Spanish-American war or the war in the Philippines, and who are disabled by disease, wounds or otherwise, and who have no adequate means of support and by reason of such disability, are incapable of earning their living, and who would be otherwise dependent upon public or private charity, shall be entitled to be admitted to said home, subject to the rules and regulations that shall be adopted by the board of managers to govern the admission of applicants to said home: *Provided*, That no applicant shall be admitted to said home unless he served in a Michigan regiment or was accredited to the State of Michigan, or was a resident of the state of Michigan for at least five years next preceding the date of his application for admission to said home.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved October 24, 1907.



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